

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE PROCLAMATION NO. 2

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A PROCLAMATION

1  
2 COMMENDING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN'S BIRTH AND HIS  
3 ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

4 We, the members of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the  
5 State of Idaho assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-first  
6 Idaho Legislature, honor President Ronald Wilson Reagan, 40th President of  
7 the United States, on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of his birth.

8 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan was born one hundred years ago, on February 6,  
9 1911, in Tampico, Illinois, and rose from obscurity to a successful career in  
10 acting, film and public relations and then to be Governor of California and  
11 President of the United States, winning both positions by defeating incum-  
12 bents against long odds; and

13 WHEREAS, among his first acts as President, he succeeded in freeing  
14 American hostages released in Iran in 1981, thereby demonstrating that Amer-  
15 ica would no longer submit to tyrants and dictators; and also early in his  
16 presidency, survived an assassin's bullet; and

17 WHEREAS, during his presidency, he reduced the inflation rate then at  
18 twelve percent, the unemployment rate then at eleven percent and the prime  
19 interest rate then at twenty-one percent, through a series of economic prin-  
20 ciples known as Reaganomics, including tax cuts, tax reform, limited govern-  
21 ment and reduction in welfare, thus providing a model of economic leadership  
22 relevant in our own time; and

23 WHEREAS, President Reagan deregulated the airline industry and stood up  
24 to the air traffic controllers union; led the nation through the 1980s in  
25 which some 15 million new jobs were created; rebuilt the military from ne-  
26 glect and forged a foreign policy of peace through strength; and is credited  
27 with bringing down the Soviet Union through his toughness and resolve, which  
28 forced them to overspend on their military; and

29 WHEREAS, President Reagan restored America's faith in government, re-  
30 lieved fears and made America strong and proud again, reclaiming America's  
31 place as a world leader. He had a grand vision of America and our national  
32 destiny, believing, as he said, that "there was a Divine Plan to place this  
33 great continent here between the two oceans, to be found by peoples from ev-  
34 ery corner of the Earth," and that America was to "carry the torch of freedom  
35 for the world ... there are no great limits to growth because there are no  
36 limits of human intelligence, imagination and wonder"; and

37 WHEREAS, President Reagan bypassed the traditional media, went over the  
38 head of Congress and directly spoke and connected with the American people,  
39 by his warmth, sincerity and good humor, thereby earning the title of "The  
40 Great Communicator"; and

41 WHEREAS, President Reagan saw in the American people their inherent  
42 great goodness, resolve, imagination and genius for invention; he never  
43 tired of presenting an optimistic view of America's place in the world, af-

1 firming America's exceptionalism, our nation's founding by Providence on  
2 limited government and reflecting an abiding faith in our past and future as  
3 a country; and

4 WHEREAS, President Reagan projected himself as a man of western America  
5 in his public personality and his personal life, emphasizing individualism,  
6 fair play, equality of opportunity and the sunny, optimistic disposition for  
7 which Westerners are famous, thus endearing himself particularly to citi-  
8 zens of western states like Idaho; and

9 WHEREAS, he inspired a whole generation of American conservatives to  
10 step forward and provide in our time, the leadership principles we need to  
11 secure continued liberty to ourselves and our children.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the members of the House of Rep-  
13 resentatives and the Senate assembled in the First Regular Session of the  
14 Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, that we declare today, Monday, February 7,  
15 2011, to be a day on which we remember President Ronald Wilson Reagan's con-  
16 tinuing legacy and our admiration for his presidency and accomplishments.