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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

A Resolution to recognize February 6 as Ronald Reagan Day in the State of Iowa.

WHEREAS, President Ronald Wilson Reagan, a man of humble background, worked throughout his life serving freedom and advancing the public good, having been employed as an entertainer, union leader, corporate spokesman, Governor of California, and President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan started his professional career working in both Davenport for WOC radio station and Des Moines for WHO radio station, and returned to Iowa during his Presidency with fond memories of his years spent living in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan served with honor and distinction for two terms as the fortieth President of the United States of America, the second term of which he earned the confidence of sixty percent of the electorate and was victorious in forty-nine of the fifty states in the general election, a record unsurpassed in the history of American presidential elections; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, when Ronald Reagan was inaugurated President, he inherited a disillusioned nation shackled by rampant inflation and high unemployment; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Reagan's presidency, he worked in a bipartisan manner to enact his bold agenda of restoring accountability and common sense to

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1 government which led to an unprecedented economic
2 expansion and opportunity for millions of Americans;
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4 WHEREAS, Mr. Reagan's commitment to an active
5 social policy agenda for the nation's children helped
6 lower crime and drug use in the nation's communities
7 and neighborhoods; and

8 WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to the
9 nation's armed forces contributed to the restoration
10 of pride in America, American values and those
11 cherished by the free world, and prepared America's
12 armed forces to win the Gulf War; and

13 WHEREAS, President Reagan's vision of "peace
14 through strength" led to the end of the Cold War and
15 the ultimate demise of the Soviet Union, guaranteeing
16 basic human rights for millions of people; and

17 WHEREAS, on February 6, 2003, Ronald Reagan will
18 have reached the age of ninety-two years; NOW
19 THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Iowa State
21 Senate hereby recognizes February 6, 2003, and
22 subsequent annual anniversaries of that date, as
23 Ronald Reagan Day.

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