

Senators Goschka, Johnson, Van Woerkom, Stamas, Hammerstrom, Toy, Gilbert, Patterson, Birkholz, George, Kuipers, Bishop, Allen, Barcia, Garcia, Cassis, Sanborn, Cropsey, Jelinek, Hardiman, Brown, McManus and Sikkema offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 92.

A resolution declaring February 6, 2006, as Ronald Reagan Day in the state of Michigan.

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 served with honor and distinction for two terms as the 40th President of the United States of America; the second of which he earned the confidence of three-fifths of the electorate and was victorious in 49 of the 50 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 government, which led to an unprecedented economic expansion and opportunity for millions of Americans; and

Whereas, Mr. Reagan's commitment to an active social policy agenda for the nation's children helped lower crime and drug use in our neighborhoods; and

Whereas, President Reagan's commitment to our armed forces contributed to the restoration of pride in America, her values and those cherished by the free world, and prepared America's armed forces to meet 21st century challenges; and

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

Whereas, February 6, 2006, will be the 95th anniversary of Ronald Reagan's birth and the second since his passing; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body hereby declare February 6, 2006, as Ronald Reagan Day in the state of Michigan. We urge all the citizens of Michigan to take cognizance of this event and participate in its observance; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Nancy Reagan as a token of our highest esteem.