

SENATE RESOLUTION
8614

By Senators Benton, Roach, and Schlicher

WHEREAS, One hundred two years ago on this day, February 6, Ronald Wilson Reagan was born in Tampico, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan understood the engine of the private sector, having worked as an actor, radio broadcaster, and television host; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan believed in the value of self-deprecating humor in political life, once remarking, "The best minds are not in government. If any were, business would hire them away"; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan realized his Presidential duty to communicate openly with the American people and spoke with honesty, grace, and humility; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan boldly invoked the theme of American greatness in his speeches, and referred to America as a "shining city on the hill"; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan was a loving and devoted husband, taking time out of his busy schedule as President to write love notes to his wife, Nancy; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan's top policy issue was defeating communism, as he bravely challenged the Soviet Premier in Berlin by saying, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall"; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan was mindful of every threat to America and brought about the downfall of the Soviet Union, ending the Cold War; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan determined that one key to a prosperous economy was a low tax rate and implemented the biggest tax cut in United States history at the time; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan was an advocate for freedom and a true believer in the American dream, once observing that, "We have every right to dream historic dreams and after all why shouldn't we believe that? We are Americans"; and

WHEREAS, In these troubling economic times, it is imperative to remember Ronald Reagan, as Margaret Thatcher reminds us, ". . . we have one beacon to guide us that Ronald Reagan never had, we have his example";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor and cherish the life and work of President Ronald Wilson Reagan.

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8614,
adopted by the Senate
February 6, 2013

HUNTER G. GOODMAN
Secretary of the Senate