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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to Ronald Reagan Day; creating s. 683.26,  
 3           F.S.; designating February 6 as "Ronald Reagan Day" and  
 4           authorizing the Governor to issue proclamations  
 5           commemorating the occasion; providing an effective date.

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 7           WHEREAS, President Ronald Wilson Reagan, a man of humble  
 8           background, worked throughout his life serving freedom and  
 9           advancing the public good, having been employed as an  
 10          entertainer, union leader, and corporate spokesman before being  
 11          elected Governor of California and President of the United States  
 12          of America, and

13          WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan served with honor and distinction for  
 14          two terms as the 40th President of the United States of America  
 15          and was elected to his second term by three-fifths of the  
 16          electorate and by 49 of the 50 states, a record unsurpassed in  
 17          the history of American presidential elections, and

18          WHEREAS, in 1981, when Ronald Reagan was inaugurated  
 19          President, he inherited a disillusioned nation that was shackled  
 20          by rampant inflation and high unemployment, but he exemplified an  
 21          unwavering faith in American ideals, particularly that America is  
 22          called to be "a **city upon a hill**" with an ever brighter future,  
 23          and

24          WHEREAS, during Mr. Reagan's presidency, he worked in a  
 25          bipartisan manner to enact his bold agenda of restoring  
 26          accountability and common sense to the Federal Government, which  
 27          led to an unprecedented economic expansion and opportunity for  
 28          millions of Americans, and

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29 WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to an active social  
 30 policy agenda for the nation's children helped to lower crime and  
 31 reduce drug use in our neighborhoods, and

32 WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to our Armed Forces  
 33 contributed to the restoration of pride in America and its values  
 34 and those cherished by the free world and prepared America's  
 35 Armed Forces to meet the challenges of the 21st century, and

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

40 WHEREAS, February 6, 2007, was the 96th anniversary of  
 41 Ronald Reagan's birth and June 5, 2007, will mark the third  
 42 anniversary of his passing, which generated an outpouring of love  
 43 and respect unprecedented in a generation,

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 45 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 47 Section 1. Section 683.26, Florida Statutes, is created to  
 48 read:

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 50 683.26 Ronald Reagan Day.--

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 52 (1) February 6 of each year is designated as "Ronald Reagan  
 53 Day."

54 (2) The Governor may issue annually a proclamation  
 55 designating February 6 as "Ronald Reagan Day" and public  
 56 officials, schools, private organizations, and all citizens are  
 57 encouraged to honor the legacy of opportunity and optimism left

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58 | by America's 40th President by commemorating Ronald Reagan Day on  
59 | February 6 of each year.

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61 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.