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*Whereas, Ronald Wilson Reagan was born on February 6, 1911, in Tampico, Illinois, to Nelle and John Reagan and died on June 5, 2004, at the age of 93;*

*Whereas, Ronald Reagan, the 40th President of the United States, was a man of the people who worked throughout his life to preserve freedom and advance public good;*

*Whereas, President Reagan experienced life from many different vantage points, having been employed as an entertainer, a union leader, a corporate spokesman, Governor of California, and the President of the United States;*

*Whereas, As a young man, President Reagan was a lifeguard at Rock River in Lowell, Illinois, where he saved the lives of 77 swimmers. He later enrolled in Eureka College, where he played football, acted in amateur theater, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics and sociology;*

*Whereas, On March 4, 1952, President Reagan married his second wife, Nancy Davis, who was his great love and confidante and companion. President Reagan was the father of four children: Maureen, Michael, Patti, and Ronald Prescott;*



*Whereas, The presidency of Ronald Reagan was distinguished by many memorable accomplishments, including the appointment of Sandra Day O'Connor as the first female United States Supreme Court Justice and the historic tax cuts that overhauled the Federal tax code and reduced tax rates for most taxpayers, removing 6,000,000 Americans from the tax rolls;*

*Whereas, During his presidency, inflation fell, interest rates declined, and the stock market hit an all-time high;*

*Whereas, On March 30, 1981, only two months into his presidency, President Reagan survived an assassination attempt, and upon meeting Nancy in the hospital quipped with characteristic good humor, "Honey, I forgot to duck.";*

*Whereas, During summit meetings with Soviet Union President Mikhail Gorbachev in December 1986, President Reagan signed a treaty to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear forces;*

*Whereas, President Reagan, a steadfast opponent of communism, resolved to defeat the "Evil Empire";*

*Whereas, Through President Reagan's constant vigilance and his unfailing belief in government for the people and by the people, the Berlin Wall came tumbling down and the Cold War ended victoriously; and*

*Whereas, Ronald Wilson Reagan, father, husband, actor, and dedicated public servant, restored the pride, optimism, and strength of the United States and earned the deep respect and affection of his fellow citizens: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

1           SECTION 1. That the members of the Indiana General Assembly  
2 recognize the many accomplishments of President Ronald Reagan and  
3 wish to honor him in a way befitting a man of his stature.

4           SECTION 2. That the General Assembly urges the Indiana  
5 department of transportation to designate Highway 469 encircling Fort



1 Wayne as the Ronald Reagan Expressway.  
2 SECTION 3. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the  
3 secretary of the senate to the commissioner of the Indiana department  
4 of transportation and Graham Richard, the mayor of Fort Wayne.

