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H.Con.Res. __— Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the lying in state of the remains of the late Honorable Ronald Wilson Reagan, the fortieth President of the United States (Ney)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, June 8th, under a unanimous consent agreement.

Summary: H.Con.Res. __ would allow, in recognition of the “long and distinguished service rendered to the Nation and the world by Ronald Wilson Reagan,” the remains of our 40th President to lie in state in the Capitol rotunda from June 9-11, 2004, and would direct the Architect of the Capitol to take “all steps necessary for carrying out this event.”

Additional Background: President Reagan’s body will arrive in Washington, DC, on the evening of Wednesday, June 9th and be available for public viewing (inside the flag-draped coffin) for about the following 36 hours.

Committee Action: The resolution was not officially considered by any committee.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would authorize no additional funds to the Architect of the Capitol.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

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H.Res. __— Mourning the passing of President Ronald Reagan and celebrating his service to the people of the United States and his leadership in promoting the cause of freedom for all the people of the world (Lewis of California)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, June 8th, under a unanimous consent agreement, and is expected to continue to be considered on Wednesday, June 9th.

Summary: H.Res. __ would resolve that the House:

- “expresses its deepest appreciation for the profound public service of President Ronald Reagan;
- “expresses its condolences to Nancy Reagan and to Patti, Michael, Ron, and the entire Reagan family;
- “calls on the people of the United States to reflect on the record of President Reagan during this national period of remembrance and to remember always his encouraging words: ‘We have every right to dream heroic dreams.’; and
- “directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of President Reagan.”

The resolution also contains various “whereas” clauses that reference certain highlights in President Reagan’s political life and bout with Alzheimer’s Disease.

Additional Background: On Saturday, June 5th, at his home in California, President Reagan died of pneumonia complicated by Alzheimer’s Disease, with which he suffered for ten years.

To read a detailed biographical document about President Reagan, prepared in honor of his 93rd birthday this past February, visit this webpage:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/Reagan04.PDF>

Other Reagan-related links:

<http://www.reaganranch.org/best/bestof.htm>

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/rr40.html>

http://www.townhall.com/hall_of_fame/reagan/bio.html

<http://www.reaganlegacy.org/main.htm>

<http://victorian.fortunecity.com/manet/404/index.htm>

For more information on Alzheimer’s Disease, visit this webpage:

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/alzheimersdisease.html>

For more information on pneumonia, visit this webpage:

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/pneumonia.html>

Committee Action: The resolution was not considered by any Senate or House committee.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would authorize no additional expenditure.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

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