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HJR 13 - Honoring Ronald Reagan on the 100th anniversary of his birth

House Joint Resolution 13 recognizes the many accomplishments, leadership and American vision of the late Ronald Reagan on the occasion of his 100th birthday, February 6, 2011.

In addition to his successful acting career, his leadership as the head of a labor union, his accomplishments as an elected official, both as Governor of California and President of the United States, Reagan was involved in several Alaska-specific initiatives and events, which this resolution recognizes. These include advocating for limited federal control of Alaska's land; signing into law the transfer of the Alaska Railroad from the federal government to the State of Alaska; meeting with Pope John Paul II in Fairbanks; and signing legislation to authorize reparation payments to Aleuts who had been relocated during the Second World War.

As such, it is appropriate for the 27th Alaska Legislature to recognize and honor the late President Ronald Reagan on the occasion of his 100th birthday.