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ILLINOIS HONORS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

State launches microsite to celebrate the former President's Illinois roots

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), Bureau of Tourism today unveiled a new microsite on www.enjoyillinois.com to commemorate the 40th President of the United States, Ronald Reagan. Born in Tampico and raised in nearby Dixon, Reagan passed many life landmarks in Illinois.

The microsite explores the time President Reagan spent in Illinois through a biography, an outline of Reagan sites statewide, and images of his life. In addition, the site features information on Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich's proclamation that June 5 through July 3, 2004, be recognized as "Days To Commemorate The Honorable Ronald Wilson Reagan," where all state flags will fly at half-mast.

Illinois will be honoring President Reagan through several memorial services including:

- **Ronald Reagan Birthplace – Tampico, Ill.**
Memorial Ceremony
Tampico Middle School
111 S. Main St.
Sunday, June 13
2:30 p.m.

- **Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home – Dixon, Ill.**
Candlelight Vigil
816 S. Hennepin Ave.
Wednesday, June 9
9:30 p.m.

Ecumenical Memorial Service
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
123 S. Hennepin Ave.
Thursday, June 10
10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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Governor Rod R. Blagojevich

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Memorial Ceremony
816 S. Hennepin Ave.
Thursday, June 10
12:30 p.m.

- **Ronald Reagan Exhibit – Eureka, Ill.**
Memorial Service “Remembering and Celebrating Ronald W. Reagan”
Eureka College Campus - Ronald Reagan Peace Garden
300 E. College Ave.
Saturday, June 12
1 p.m.

For more information about Reagan sites in Illinois, visit www.enjoyillinois.com or call **1-800-2CONNECT**.

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