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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION  
HONORING THE 100TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
BIRTH OF PRESIDENT  
RONALD REAGAN**

**S.P. 78**

**WHEREAS**, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th President of the United States and the 33rd Governor of California, was born in Illinois on February 6, 1911 and was a graduate of Eureka College, a veteran of the United States Armed Forces and a successful actor before going on to devote his life to public service; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald Reagan began his working career as an actor, first in radio, then primarily in films and later in television, appearing in over 50 movie productions and enjoying widespread success and popularity; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as president of the Screen Actors Guild and eventually became interested in politics, originally as a member of the Democratic Party and then switching to the Republican Party in 1962; and

**WHEREAS**, he served 2 terms as Governor of California and he ran for president in 1968 and 1976 before winning the presidency in 1980, and was re-elected by a landslide in 1984, proclaiming it was "Morning in America"; and

**WHEREAS**, as President of the United States, Ronald Reagan survived an assassination attempt, implemented sweeping new political and economic initiatives and was instrumental in the ending of the Cold War; and

**WHEREAS**, President Reagan was known as a beacon of optimism, with his assertive enthusiasm, rallying the people during times of sorrow and crisis and also good times; and

**WHEREAS**, though known for his genial, open and friendly manner, President Reagan was also strong-willed and committed to his principles and enjoyed widespread popularity not only in the United States, but throughout the world, building strong relationships with other nations; and

**WHEREAS**, President Reagan left office after serving 2 terms in 1989, at the peak of his popularity, and soon after disclosed he had Alzheimer's disease, dying 10 years later at the age of 93; and

**WHEREAS**, his burial site is inscribed with the words he delivered at the opening of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library: "I know in my heart that man is good, that what is right will always eventually

triumph and that there is purpose and worth to each and every life"; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity on the 100th Anniversary of the birth of President Ronald Reagan, to honor the memory of a great American patriot who devoted much of his life to his Nation and who had a strong faith in the goodness of people and of the United States of America.

**Read and adopted by the Senate February 1, 2011  
and the House of Representatives February 1, 2011.**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION IN  
HONOR OF MAINE GAME  
WARDEN DARYL R.  
GORDON, WHO DIED IN  
THE LINE OF DUTY**

**H.P. 994**

**WHEREAS**, Maine Game Warden Daryl R. Gordon, of Eagle Lake, was tragically killed in a plane crash in a remote area near Clear Lake in Piscataquis County sometime during the night of March 24, 2011, while serving in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, Daryl R. Gordon is the 15th member of the Maine Warden Service who died in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, Daryl R. Gordon served with distinction with the Maine Warden Service for 25 years, spending 18 years as a district warden, and his final 7 years as a warden pilot flying out of the George E. Townsend Seaplane Base in Eagle Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, Daryl R. Gordon was born in Hartland, graduated from Hartland Academy and served with honor in the United States Marine Corps, serving in Vietnam and receiving the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in combat; and

**WHEREAS**, Daryl R. Gordon also earned numerous commendations while in the United States Marine Corps, including the Marine Corps Combat Action Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. He was honorably discharged with the rank of corporal in 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, Daryl R. Gordon joined the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as a game warden in 1986 at the age of 35, working out of the Calais, Lincoln, Skowhegan and Bingham districts; and

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**WHEREAS**, Daryl R. Gordon saved many lives and people have had loved ones returned to them through his aerial searches and rescue efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the sudden and shocking death of Game Warden Daryl R. Gordon has saddened not only those whose lives he touched, but the entire State of Maine; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this opportunity to honor the memory and service of Game Warden Daryl R. Gordon and to recognize his steadfast and dedicated commitment to the State of Maine and the Nation, exemplifying the core values of the Maine Warden Service: Honor, Loyalty, Compassion and Trust; and be it further

**RESOLVED**: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be delivered to the family of Game Warden Daryl R. Gordon and to the Maine Warden Service.

**Read and adopted by the House of Representatives March 29, 2011 and the Senate March 30, 2011.**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING  
OPERATION TRIBUTE**

**S.P. 506**

**WHEREAS**, Operation Tribute is a nonprofit organization founded and operated by Marc Badeau in Gorham, Maine that in 2010 provided over 32,000 gifts to the children of military families living throughout New England, New Jersey, New York and Ohio, including over 7,200 children living in the State of Maine; and

**WHEREAS**, Operation Tribute acknowledges the sacrifices, courage and bravery of the children of members of all branches of the military, including the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Reserves and National Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, Operation Tribute considers the children of military families to be unsung heroes who silently shoulder a heavy burden during these difficult times; and

**WHEREAS**, Operation Tribute acquired, gift-wrapped and individually distributed a holiday gift to each participating child of a military family in over 1,100 cities and towns throughout New England, New Jersey, New York and Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, each package sent to a child in Maine contained a letter that read: "On behalf of Operation Tribute and the people of the State of Maine, we would like to offer you this token of our appreciation for your sacrifice. You are the child of a Maine

military family and the bravery that you show every day by sharing your parent to help protect our country is being recognized and honored. You should be extremely proud of your service to our country and should know that we, and the people of Maine, stand proudly beside you. We wish you and your family a Happy Holiday Season!"; and

**WHEREAS**, Operation Tribute seeks further expansion of its program to eventually encompass the entire country; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to send our appreciation to the hard-working and dedicated members of Operation Tribute for their strong commitment and accomplished success in recognizing these children and to thank the members of Operation Tribute for their acknowledgment of the sacrifices, courage and bravery of the children of these military families and we encourage the citizens of the great State of Maine to support and recognize the efforts of Operation Tribute; and be it further

**RESOLVED**: That a suitable copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to Operation Tribute.

**Read and adopted by the House of Representatives May 18, 2011 and the Senate May 18, 2011.**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION  
MEMORIALIZING THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES AND THE  
UNITED STATES  
CONGRESS TO AWARD  
THE DESIGNATION OF  
"VETERANS OF THE  
UNITED STATES AND THE  
STATE OF MAINE" TO THE  
PROTECTORS AND  
DEFENDERS OF THE  
NORTHEASTERN  
BOUNDARY DURING THE  
AROOSTOOK WAR**

**H.P. 1177**

**WE**, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States and the United States Congress as follows:

**WHEREAS**, there was an undeclared confrontation in 1839 that lasted until 1842 between the

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United States and Great Britain over the international boundary between British North America, specifically the provinces of Quebec and New Brunswick in Canada, and Maine, referred to as the Aroostook War; and

**WHEREAS**, this confrontation had its origins at the end of the Revolutionary War because the Treaty of Paris of 1783 did not clearly determine the boundary between British North America and the United States and, during the War of 1812, British forces occupied most of eastern Maine, including Washington County, Hancock County and parts of Penobscot County, intending to permanently annex the region into Canada; and

**WHEREAS**, the Treaty of Ghent ended the war in 1814 and reestablished the boundary but left the border ambiguities intact, and when Maine separated from Massachusetts in 1820 as a new state, the status and location of the border emerged as a chief concern, with Massachusetts also retaining some interests in the land as part of the statehood agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the dispute continued into the next decade as the area became more and more settled and the wealth of the lumber and land became apparent to both sides of the border, and in 1839 the Maine Legislature authorized newly elected Governor John Fairfield to send land agents and militia to the border; and

**WHEREAS**, high tensions and heated rhetoric in New Brunswick led both sides to raise troops and arm them and march them to the disputed border, but eventually negotiations between diplomats from Great Britain and United States Secretary of State Daniel Webster resulted in the Webster-Ashburton Treaty of 1842; and

**WHEREAS**, this dispute involved no actual confrontation between military forces, but 10 to 12 companies of more than a thousand men as well as drafted militia were sent to Aroostook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the men who were the protectors and defenders of the northeastern boundary of the United States and Maine and Massachusetts primarily were volunteers in service to the State of Maine, members of the Maine State Militia, members of a drafted militia and civilian suppliers, support personnel and settlers in the Aroostook Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, as Governor Israel Washburn, who was Governor of Maine during the Civil War, stated long after the dispute was settled, "The Aroostook war . . . forms a chapter in the history of the State which does real honor to its border chivalry"; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the United States Congress award the designation of "Veterans of the United States and the State of Maine" to those who protected and defended the northeastern boundary and who

served between February 5, 1839 and December 31, 1842 and who were willing to risk their lives; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Barack H. Obama, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

**Read and adopted by the House of Representatives June 10, 2011 and the Senate June 10, 2011.**

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