



## State of Tennessee

### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20

**By Representatives Cameron Sexton, Gant, Lynn, White, Marsh, Calfee, Baum, Carr, Bricken, Crawford, Timothy Hill, Todd, Smith, Terry, Boyd, Vaughan, Carter, Ogles, Hall, Hicks, Zachary, Daniel, Lafferty, Travis, Curcio, Moon, Halford, Dunn, Rudd, Matthew Hill, Ragan, Van Huss, Hulsey, Haston, Williams, Hazlewood, Powers, Sherrell, Howell, Byrd, Moody, Reedy, Leatherwood, Helton, Kumar, Cepicky, Hurt, Doggett, Faison, Holt, Lamberth, Cochran, Sparks, Whitson, Littleton, Wright, Sanderson, Jerry Sexton**

A RESOLUTION honoring former President Ronald Reagan for his dedication to protecting our nation's individual liberties.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly honors former President Ronald Reagan for standing against socialism and socialized medicine; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan stated that the American people would never vote for socialism, but socialists would use a traditional approach to impose socialized medicine on us; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan also recognized that socialists, like Norman Thomas, would use liberalism to adopt every fragment of their socialist agenda after systematically imposing socialized medicine on American citizens; and

WHEREAS, when the practice of socialism masked in liberalism becomes the norm, our freedom would be threatened and American life as we know it would cease to exist; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan recognized the ideology of socialism would always start with smaller, more agreeable concepts such as Medicaid expansion since people are reluctant to oppose any concept offering medical care to those who can't afford it; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan recognized we have the right to choose a doctor and to go from one doctor to another as needed. However, socialized medicine would dictate when, where, and how doctors can practice and tell citizens what doctor can and cannot treat them; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan believed that once a precedent that the government can determine a man's employment, his working methods, and his pay were established, our nation would move one step closer to a socialist nation; and

WHEREAS, a socialized America would decide our children's future for them, including when children attend school, where they can go, and their future occupations; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan recognized that our country was founded upon a free enterprise system and that big government is not the solution to our problems, big government is the root of our problems; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan stated that our founding fathers established the idea that each of us are afforded the God-given rights and abilities to determine and fulfill our own destinies; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we stand to honor the memory and incredible legacy of President Ronald Reagan for his strong stance against liberalism, socialism, and socialized medicine and their approach to erode our fundamental rights, individual liberties, and freedoms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: March 14, 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen Casada", written over a horizontal line.

GLENN CASADA, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES