RONALD REAGAN was born on February 6, 1911 in Tampico, Illinois.

When Jack Reagan saw his new son, he said, “He looks like a fat little Dutchman!” As a result, Ronald Reagan had the nickname “Dutch” as a child.

From an early age, "DUTCH" REAGAN found ways to help those in his community. He liked being responsible for the safety of others, and over the course of seven summers as a lifeguard, he saved 77 swimmers.

*Courtesy Ronald Reagan Library.*
At Eureka College, RONALD REAGAN was on the football team, and was the star of the swimming and track teams as well.

He was also a reporter for the school paper, editor of the yearbook, and the lead actor of seven plays.

Ronald Reagan posing with a member of the Eureka college swim team, 1928-32. 
*Courtesy Ronald Reagan Library.*
As a college freshman, RONALD REAGAN gave a speech that saved the jobs of several professors who were going to be fired. It was the first time he saw how his words could help people.

After he graduated from college, RONALD REAGAN worked as a sports broadcaster on the radio.
Then **RONALD REAGAN** worked as an actor in both movies and on television.
Later, he was introduced to an actress named Nancy Davis. They were married in 1952. **RONALD REAGAN** said, “I think my life really began when I met Nancy.”

In 1966, voters believed in RONALD REAGAN’S ability to help people, and he was elected as the 33\textsuperscript{rd} Governor of California.
In 1980, RONALD REAGAN was elected as the 40th President of the United States. At 69 years old, he was the oldest man ever to be elected President.
As President, RONALD REAGAN worked with friends and foes to ensure a good life for Americans and freedom for people all over the world.
RONALD REAGAN served as President from 1981-1989. He always believed that America’s best days were yet to come. His eight years as president were some of the most prosperous in the history of the United States.

When he wasn’t busy running the United States, **PRESIDENT REAGAN** loved spending time with his wife Nancy...
telling jokes and stories...

President Ronald Reagan and Yankee great Joe DiMaggio, 1981. 
*Courtesy Ronald Reagan Library.*
President Ronald Reagan rides El Alamein at Rancho del Cielo in California, 1986. 
*Courtesy Ronald Reagan Library.*
...and munching on his favorite snack, jelly beans.

Top: President Reagan at a Domestic Policy Meeting in the Roosevelt Room. Jelly beans in the foreground. 9/26/85.

So on February 6th, remember that our 40th president, and one of the greatest and most popular presidents of all time, came from California just like you.

HAPPY RONALD REAGAN DAY