WASHINGTON, Tuesday, February 6, 2001 — President Ronald Reagan's boyhood home in Dixon, Illinois would be preserved as a federal historic site under legislation co-sponsored by U.S. Rep. Spencer Bachus (R-AL).

"Ronald Reagan will go down in the history books as one of our greatest presidents," said Bachus. "We have an obligation to preserve this part of his personal history that helps tell the story of President Reagan's life."

The bill -- introduced on President Reagan's 90th birthday -- would establish the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home National Historic Site. The Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home Foundation currently controls the property. It would continue to do so under the bill through an operating agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The Reagan boyhood home is located at 816 South Hennepin Avenue in Dixon.