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PRESIDENTIAL FUN FACTS

- George Washington's (#1) dentures were not made of wood, but rather of ivory, gold, and human and animal teeth, among other materials.
- John Adams (#2) and Thomas Jefferson (#3) both died within hours of each other on the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 1826.
- James Madison (#4), the father of the Constitution, was only 5 feet, 4 inches tall and weighed less than 100 pounds.
- James Monroe (#5) was the first president to have an outdoor inauguration in Washington, D.C., which was held on the site of the current Supreme Court building.
- John Quincy Adams (#6) only agreed to speak with Anne Royal, the first woman
 to interview a president, after she commandeered his clothes during one of his
 daily baths in the Potomac River.
- Andrew Jackson (#7) was the first of seven presidents born in a log cabin.
- Martin Van Buren (#8) owned two tiger cubs as pets, which were given to him as gifts from the Sultan of Oman.
- William Henry Harrison (#9) delivered the longest inaugural address in history, a 105 minute speech without a hat or overcoat, on March 4, 1841. After developing pneumonia, he died in the White House exactly one month later, becoming the first president to die in office.
- John Tyler (#10) was the first president to have a veto overridden.
- James Polk (#11) was the first president to retire after one term and not seek reelection.
- Zachary Taylor (#12) is the only president whose remains were exhumed when a medical examiner tested for poisoning in 1991. After reviewing the results, the

- examiner determined that the arsenic levels were several hundred times less than they would have been if the president had been poisoned.
- Millard Fillmore (#13) refused an honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law from Oxford, saying, "No man should accept a degree that he cannot read."
- Franklin Pierce (#14) was the first president to cancel the inaugural ball, due to the death of his son.
- James Buchanan (#15) is the only president who never married. His niece performed the role of White House hostess while he was in office.
- Abraham Lincoln (#16) was the only president to obtain a patent. In 1849, he
 invented a complicated device for lifting ships over dangerous shoals by means
 of "buoyant air chambers." Much to his disappointment, U.S. Patent No. 6,469
 was never put into practical use.
- Andrew Johnson (#17) was buried with his head resting on a copy of the Constitution.
- Ulysses S. Grant (#18) was born Hiram Ulysses Grant, but changed his name because he did not like his monogram, HUG.
- Rutherford B. Hayes (#19) held the first Easter egg roll on the White House lawn.
- James Garfield (#20) was the first presidential candidate to spend more than one million dollars on his campaign.
- Chester Arthur (#21) was the first president to take the presidential Oath of Office in his own home, located on Lexington Avenue in New York City.
- Grover Cleveland (#22 & #24) personally answered the White House phone.
- Benjamin Harrison (#23), the first president to have electricity in the White House, once got an electrical shock, leading his family to often refuse to touch the light switches and sometimes leave the lights on at bedtime.
- William McKinley (#25) was the first president to use campaign buttons.
- Theodore Roosevelt (#26) set what was then the world record for the most handshakes in one day with 8,513 handshakes at a White House reception on January 1, 1907.
- William Howard Taft (#27) started the tradition of the president throwing out the first pitch of the baseball season at a Washington Senators game on April 14, 1910.
- Woodrow Wilson (#28) is the only president buried in Washington, D.C. (at the National Cathedral).

- Warren Harding (#29) was the first president to visit Alaska and Canada.
- Calvin Coolidge (#30) was the only president sworn in by a former president,
 Chief Justice William Howard Taft.
- Herbert Hoover (#31) refused to accept a salary for his presidency and gave all of his federal paychecks to charity.
- Franklin Roosevelt (#32) was a devoted stamp collector who kept up his hobby while in office.
- The middle initial 'S' in Harry Truman's (#33) name is not an abbreviation and does not stand for another name.
- Dwight Eisenhower (#34) was an avid golfer who installed a putting green on the White House lawn.
- John F. Kennedy (#35) was the first person born in the 20th century to become president.
- Lyndon B. Johnson (#36) graduated from high school at the age of 15.
- Richard Nixon (#37) was the first president to visit all 50 states.
- Gerald Ford (#38) is the longest living president.
- James Carter (#39) was the first president to use his nickname, "Jimmy," while being sworn into office.
- Ronald Reagan (#40) appeared in 53 Hollywood movies from *Love is on the Air* (1937) to *The Killers* (1964).
- George H.W. Bush (#41) was the only president to serve as United States Ambassador to the United Nations.
- William J. Clinton (#42) was the first president to have been a Rhodes Scholar.
- George W. Bush (#43) was the first to follow his father as president since John Quincy Adams in 1824.