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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The life and presidency of President Abraham
3 Lincoln are integral to the identity and character of this
4 great nation, and his sudden passing is an indelible mark upon
5 history; and

6 WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln's statesmanship began in the
7 State of Illinois; following his establishment as a lawyer and
8 legislator, the State capital of Springfield became his home in
9 1837; and

10 WHEREAS, Springfield was the home of Lincoln's family until
11 February 11, 1861, when he departed for Washington D.C. to
12 serve as the 16th President of the United States until his
13 death on April 15, 1865; and

14 WHEREAS, President Lincoln's body was returned to
15 Springfield on May 3, 1865, as the nation mourned his passing;
16 he was laid to rest at Oak Ridge Cemetery on May 4, 1865; and

17 WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives is
18 compelled to acknowledge and commend the exceptional effort to
19 preserve and honor the legacy of Abraham Lincoln for this State
20 and our nation; and

1 WHEREAS, The 2015 Lincoln Funeral Coalition will be
2 honoring the life and legacy of Abraham Lincoln with a
3 commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the President's final
4 return to Springfield, his home and final resting place; and

5 WHEREAS, The mission of the 2015 Lincoln Funeral Coalition
6 (1865-2015) is to educate, coordinate, and promote the accurate
7 and dignified reenactment of the historic anniversary of
8 Abraham Lincoln's funeral procession in Springfield; and

9 WHEREAS, This extraordinary event will begin with
10 symposiums starting in April of 2015 and culminate with the
11 reenactment of the original 1865 funeral during a 3-day
12 historic experience from May 1-3, 2015; and

13 WHEREAS, The event's symposiums and reenactment will serve
14 as a valuable resource to inform, educate, and enlighten the
15 citizens of this State and the nation; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we commend the efforts of the 2015 Lincoln Funeral Coalition
19 and thank the Coalition's members, advisors, partners, and
20 participants for their mission to preserve and honor the legacy
21 of Abraham Lincoln as they prepare for the commemoration of the
22 150th anniversary of the President's final return to

1 Springfield; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the members of the 2015 Lincoln Funeral Coalition
4 as a token of our esteem.