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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The life and presidency of President Abraham
3 Lincoln are integral to the identity and character of this
4 great nation; 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 Senate is compelled to acknowledge
18 and commend the exceptional effort to preserve and honor the
19 legacy of Abraham Lincoln for this State and our nation; and

20 WHEREAS, The 2015 Lincoln Funeral Coalition will be

1 honoring the life and legacy of Abraham Lincoln with a
2 commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the President's final
3 return to Springfield, his home and final resting place; and

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

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

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

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the days
17 of April 28, 2013 to May 4, 2013 as Abraham Lincoln Memorial
18 Week to acknowledge the efforts of the 2015 Lincoln Funeral
19 Coalition, and show our gratitude to the Coalition's members,
20 advisors, partners, and participants for their mission to
21 preserve and honor the legacy of Abraham Lincoln as they
22 prepare for the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the

1 President's final return to 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.