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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The Edgewater Historical Society will hold a  
3 wreath laying at the "Young Lincoln" statue in Senn Park on  
4 North Ridge Avenue on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 to commemorate  
5 the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth; the April  
6 15th date is significant because it is the day that President  
7 Lincoln passed away; and

8           WHEREAS, In addition to the wreath laying ceremony, the  
9 Edgewater Historical Society is celebrating the 200th  
10 anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth with a year long  
11 celebration, including a special exhibit of Lincoln  
12 memorabilia from a private collection; and

13           WHEREAS, Edgewater Historical Society President Robert  
14 Remer will speak at the wreath laying ceremony, as well as 48th  
15 Ward Alderman Mary Ann Smith; the Senn High School ROTC Color  
16 Guard and the Rickover Naval Academy Band will also  
17 participate; and

18           WHEREAS, The Senn Park site, at the corner of Clark and  
19 Ridge Streets, is the location of the "Seven Mile house,"  
20 where, according to the descendant of the owner of the house,  
21 Lincoln attended a caucus of local farmers during his 1860  
22 campaign for the presidency; the Lincoln statue, donated to the

1 City of Chicago by noted sculptor Charles Peck, commemorates  
2 the historic visit; and

3 WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln's life and ideas have inspired  
4 Illinois citizens and public servants for more than 150 years;  
5 his courage, insight, and common sense continue to inspire; the  
6 commemorative ceremony is particularly significant as  
7 Lincoln's 200th birthday coincided with the inauguration of  
8 President Barack Obama from Illinois; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
11 salute the Edgewater Historical Society, the Senn High School  
12 ROTC Color Guard, and the Rickover Naval Academy Band on the  
13 occasion of the ceremony and celebration commemorating the  
14 bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
16 presented to the Edgewater Historical Society, the Senn High  
17 School ROTC Color Guard, and the Rickover Naval Academy Band as  
18 symbols of our respect and esteem.