

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

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By: **The President, the Majority Leader, and the Minority Leader**

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **In Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Birth of Abraham Lincoln**

3 FOR the purpose of celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham
4 Lincoln.

5 WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln was one of our nation's most prominent and
6 courageous leaders; and

7 WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln was born in a one-room log cabin on February
8 12, 1809, to Thomas and Nancy Hanks Lincoln, and, from these modest and humble
9 origins, rose to the Presidency through honesty, diligence, integrity, and dedication to
10 the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln served as our 16th President during a time of
12 great turmoil in our nation and strived to preserve the Union before and during our
13 country's only civil war; and

14 WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln believed that all persons were created equal and
15 was instrumental in ending slavery in the United States by issuing the Emancipation
16 Proclamation on January 1, 1863; and

17 WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln gave his life for the country he loved, dying by
18 assassination on April 15, 1865; and

19 WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln left a lasting legacy of hard work, perseverance,
20 courage, and leadership that is inspirational to all Americans; and

EXPLANATION:

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken by amendment.



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1 WHEREAS, Today, this nation celebrates the bicentennial of the birth of
2 Abraham Lincoln; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
4 General Assembly acknowledges Abraham Lincoln as one of the nation's most
5 influential leaders, setting an example by rising from a humble background to assume
6 the highest position of leadership in the nation during the greatest crisis in our
7 history; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of Maryland urges all citizens and
9 communities to participate in honoring the many accomplishments of Abraham
10 Lincoln throughout his life and to educate others on the importance of those
11 accomplishments; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
13 Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland; the
14 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
15 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Approved:

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.