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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Joint Resolution 7 (The President, *et al.*)

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

This joint resolution acknowledges Abraham Lincoln as one of the nation's most influential leaders, setting an example by rising from a humble background to assume the presidency during the greatest crisis in our nation's history. The joint resolution urges all citizens and communities to participate in honoring the many accomplishments of Abraham Lincoln and to educate others on the importance of those accomplishments in celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of his birth.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The joint resolution does not directly affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809 in Hardin County, Kentucky. Emerging from modest origins, Lincoln worked as a flatboat pilot, store clerk, and surveyor, later serving as a captain in the Black Hawk War. Lincoln served eight years in the Illinois Legislature and one term in the U.S. House of Representatives. In 1858, Lincoln ran unsuccessfully for U.S. Senate against Stephen A. Douglas, but his great oratory skills built him a national reputation.

After winning the Republican nomination for President in 1860, Lincoln became the nation's sixteenth President in 1861 during a time of great national turmoil. Lincoln

strived to preserve the Union and was instrumental in the abolition of slavery, issuing the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. Lincoln was re-elected for a second term in 1864 and planned for peace and reunion throughout the nation. However, on April 14, 1865, Lincoln was assassinated at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C.

Additional Information

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