

1           A RESOLUTION celebrating the 209th birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

2           WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809, in a log cabin on  
3 Sinking Spring Farm near Hodgenville, Kentucky; and

4           WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln would leave Kentucky along with his family in  
5 1815, but his roots in this Commonwealth would be deep and indelible, and he would  
6 carry with him the spirit of Kentucky throughout his extraordinary life; and

7           WHEREAS, after four terms in the Illinois House of Representatives, Abraham  
8 Lincoln was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1846. In 1860,  
9 owing to his famous debates with Stephen A. Douglas, Lincoln would defeat Douglas and  
10 two other candidates to become the 16th President of the United States; and

11           WHEREAS, for his enduring ties to this Commonwealth and for all he achieved as  
12 President—including his resolute leadership during the Civil War and his courageous  
13 endorsement of emancipation—Abraham Lincoln stands as a model for all Kentuckians  
14 even today, and thus it is rightful that this body honor him on the occasion of his 209th  
15 birthday; and

16           WHEREAS, in so doing, the members pause today to reflect on the greatness of our  
17 16th President, and to acknowledge his presence in this chamber both as a statesman of  
18 the first order and as a Kentuckian who has shaped the very firmament of this  
19 Commonwealth; and

20           WHEREAS, on February 12, 2018, the Lincoln Days Celebration, the Lincoln  
21 Museum, and the National Park Service will host two wreath-laying ceremonies to honor  
22 Abraham Lincoln's 209th birthday; and

23           WHEREAS, these ceremonies will take place in historic downtown Hodgenville  
24 and at the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park near Sinking Spring, and  
25 the members on this day thank all those associated with these events for their selfless  
26 dedication to preserving this Commonwealth's history;

27           NOW, THEREFORE,

1 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
2 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3       ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby celebrate  
4 Abraham Lincoln's 209th birthday, and grant all those in Hodgenville best wishes as they  
5 host a rightful memorial for one of Kentucky's most beloved sons.

6       ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in  
7 celebration of Abraham Lincoln's 209th birthday.

8       ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
9 copy of this Resolution to Representative Brandon Reed for delivery.