LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Sixty-second Legislature First Regular Session - 2013

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND COMMEMORATING THE IDAHO TERRITORIAL SESQUICENTENNIAL AND PROVIDING THAT THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITORIUM BE NAMED THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN AUDITORIUM.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, March 4, 2013, marks the 150th anniversary of the creation of the Idaho Territory by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Territorial Sesquicentennial is a once in a lifetime opportunity to educate individuals and communities across our state about their heritage and to commemorate this 150th milestone; and

WHEREAS, the Sesquicentennial will shape our state by helping Idahoans explore and appreciate our territorial roots while creating lasting legacies for the future; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln as president was involved in choosing the name "Idaho" for a new territory, lobbied Congress to accomplish passage of the Idaho Act, and appointed the first two territorial governors and thirteen other men to judicial and federal office in Idaho prior to April 14, 1865; and

WHEREAS, among President Lincoln's last official acts in the White House on the final day of his life was the authorizing of additional appointments to fill vacancies in office for the Idaho Territory; and

WHEREAS, President Lincoln also contributed to the development of the State of Idaho through his support of the Homestead Act, the Morrill Act that established land grant colleges, and by the launching of a transcontinental railway; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln embodies the essence of the American spirit, preserving the nation and creating a peace "with malice toward none and charity for all."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that we commemorate the historic 150th anniversary of the creation of the Idaho Territory by President Abraham Lincoln.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Auditorium in the West Wing of the State Capitol Building be named and forever known as the Abraham Lincoln Auditorium and that legislative leadership working with the State Historical Society and the Capitol Commission provide appropriate signs, plaques, exhibits or works of art associated with Abraham Lincoln and that these be placed in or near the Abraham Lincoln Auditorium.