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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION congratulating the Lincoln
2 Amphitheatre, Lincoln City, on the occasion of the 30th
3 anniversary of its inaugural season.

4 *Whereas, As one of the largest roofed amphitheaters in the*
5 *United States, the Lincoln Amphitheatre seats 1,500 in an*
6 *outdoor venue that is located in the woods where Abraham*
7 *Lincoln walked as a boy;*

8 *Whereas, From the age of 7 until 21, Abraham Lincoln lived,*
9 *worked, and learned in Lincoln City;*

10 *Whereas, The amphitheatre, which is located in Lincoln*
11 *State Park, was dedicated in 1987 and served as the home of*
12 *the Young Abe Lincoln musical outdoor drama for 19 years;*

13 *Whereas, In its inaugural season, the Lincoln Club of*

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1 *Southern Indiana and the Lincoln Boyhood Drama Association*
 2 *(LBDA) operated the amphitheatre and produced Young Abe*
 3 *Lincoln, which was presented for the final time in August 2005*
 4 *when funding was lost;*

5 *Whereas, Local efforts to restore funding for a*
 6 *Lincoln-based production were successful in 2007, with the*
 7 *Indiana General Assembly approving \$1.6 million for facility*
 8 *upgrades and for a production of a new Abraham Lincoln play;*

9 *Whereas, Following the 2014 season, the amphitheatre was*
 10 *again closed for the majority of the 2015 season;*

11 *Whereas, The Indiana Office of Tourism Development and*
 12 *the Indiana Department of Natural Resources began a*
 13 *partnership midway through the 2015 season in an attempt to*
 14 *bring the Lincoln play back for the 2016 season in conjunction*
 15 *with the state's bicentennial celebration;*

16 *Whereas, A successful trial event was held on October 24,*
 17 *2015, featuring a tribute performance to the Beatles and the*
 18 *Rolling Stones;*

19 *Whereas, The winter of 2015-2016 was spent coordinating*
 20 *contracts and logistics for six performances of the Lincoln*
 21 *musical drama, as well as nine additional concert*
 22 *performances, bringing the final count for the 2016*
 23 *performance series to 15 events;*

24 *Whereas, The 2016 season was filled with excitement and*
 25 *success for the Lincoln Amphitheatre, much like the grand*
 26 *opening in 1987; and*

27 *Whereas, Over the nearly 30 years of existence, the Lincoln*
 28 *Amphitheatre's primary use has been to showcase the life and*
 29 *history of Abraham Lincoln, particularly as it relates to the*
 30 *years he resided in southern Indiana: Therefore*

31 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
 32 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

33 SECTION 1. That the members of the Indiana House of



1 Representatives congratulate the Lincoln Amphitheatre on the occasion
2 of the 30th anniversary of its inaugural season, and hope that the
3 amphitheatre will continue for many years to come.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to director Marc
6 Steczyk.

