

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ___

| Introduced by: | Dvorak, DeVon, Niezgodski |
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A HOUSE RESOLUTION congratulating the Studebaker National Museum for honoring President Abraham Lincoln on the 150th anniversary of his tragic death.

Whereas, The Studebaker National Museum, South Bend, will display an exhibit, "Lincoln's Final Journey: A Nation Mourns", to memorialize the 150th anniversary of a tragic event in our national history — the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln;

Whereas, Our 16th President spent his formative boyhood years in Indiana;

Whereas, Lincoln's lifetime connections to Indiana are numerous, and in death his funeral train made stops in

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Indianapolis and Michigan City on its way to Chicago;

Whereas, The exhibit at the Studebaker National Museum uses rare artifacts from institutions such as the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History, Ford's Theatre, the Indiana State Museum, and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum to help visitors experience President Lincoln's final night as President and the aftermath of his death on a divided nation;

Whereas, Perhaps the most significant artifact in the exhibit is the carriage used by President Lincoln to take him and his wife, Mary, to Ford's Theater on April 14, 1865;

Whereas, The Lincoln carriage, one of the first items entered into the Studebaker Corporation's historic vehicles collection and a permanent part of the museum's collection, will be the centerpiece of the exhibition that memorializes the 150th anniversary of the tragic event; and

Whereas, The events that took place on April 14, 1865, forever changed our nation; the Studebaker National Museum pays tribute to Lincoln and his effect on Indiana with its display, "Lincoln's Final Journey: A Nation Mourns": Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives congratulates the Studebaker National Museum for honoring the nation's 16th president, Abraham Lincoln, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of his tragic death and the museum's commitment to the preservation and legacy of local, state, and national history.

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SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Rebecca J. Bonham, Executive Director of the Studebaker National Museum.

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