

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 619

Introduced by Avery, 28.

WHEREAS, the first Nebraska Legislature enacted a law on June 14, 1867, to provide a new location for the seat of the government of Nebraska and stipulated the new capital city, once located, would be named after President Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, in 1903, Lancaster County Senator John H. McClay introduced a bill which created the Abraham Lincoln Centennial Memorial Association of Nebraska to oversee the creation of a monument to celebrate the one-hundredth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth on February 12, 1909; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 1908, the thirty-first Nebraska Legislature passed House Roll No. 36 which appropriated \$20,000 for the erection of a memorial statue to Abraham Lincoln on the capitol grounds; and

WHEREAS, the Abraham Lincoln Centennial Memorial Association of Nebraska chose noted American sculptor Daniel Chester French and architect Henry Bacon to create the monument. After completing the Lincoln Monument in Nebraska they went on to create the Lincoln Memorial on the National Mall in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the unveiling and dedication of this public monument to Abraham Lincoln in the capital city bearing his name was held on September 2, 1912, with thousands of Nebraskans in attendance; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Nebraska Capitol Commission is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Lincoln Monument with a rededication ceremony at the Nebraska State Capitol on September 2, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes Nebraska's Lincoln Monument as a major work of twentieth-century public art and commends the Office of the Nebraska Capitol Commission for recognizing this nationally significant monument.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Office of the Nebraska Capitol Commission.