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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, 2015 marks the 150th anniversary for Lincoln
3 College in Lincoln, Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Lincoln College is a private liberal arts college,
5 fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North
6 Central Association and established in 1865 to fill the need
7 for an institution of higher learning in central Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, A charter for the new college, then known as
9 Lincoln University, was secured from the Illinois General
10 Assembly on February 6, 1865; ground was broken for University
11 Hall, the College's first building, just 6 days later on
12 Abraham Lincoln's birthday; and

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WHEREAS, The foundation was completed and the cornerstone
14 was laid by September of 1865; instruction for men and women
15 began in November of 1866, with the first commencement in 1868
16 with 3 graduates; and

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WHEREAS, Lincoln College now has campuses in Lincoln and
18 Normal, developing a tradition of personal education long
19 before the concept became universally popular; and

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WHEREAS, Lincoln College's mission is to uniquely empower

1 students to realize their full potential; the College lives up
2 to its motto of "Experience Outstanding" with a faculty
3 philosophy, student services, and low faculty-student ratio
4 that provides individualized attention to make the difference
5 between failure and success for many students; and

6 WHEREAS, The Lincoln College experience is more than
7 offering academic programs that are second to none, as a number
8 of its varsity sports teams have won national championships;
9 its other extracurricular activities provide students with
10 opportunities to pursue their passions and learn life and
11 leadership skills outside the classroom; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 recognize and congratulate the students, administration, and
15 faculty of Lincoln College in commemoration of its
16 sesquicentennial celebration; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the leadership at Lincoln College as an expression
19 of our esteem and respect.