

1 A RESOLUTION celebrating the 211th birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

2 WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809, in a log cabin on
3 Sinking Spring Farm near Hodgenville, Kentucky; and

4 WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln would leave Kentucky along with his family in
5 1815, but his roots in this Commonwealth are deep and indelible, and he carried with him
6 the spirit of Kentucky throughout his extraordinary life; and

7 WHEREAS, after four terms in the Illinois House of Representatives, Abraham
8 Lincoln was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1846. In 1860,
9 owing to his famous debates with Stephen A. Douglas, Lincoln would defeat Douglas and
10 two other candidates to become the 16th President of the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, for his enduring ties to this Commonwealth and for all he achieved as
12 President—including his resolute leadership during the Civil War and his courageous
13 endorsement of emancipation—Abraham Lincoln stands as a model for all Kentuckians
14 even today, and thus it is rightful that this body honor him on the occasion of his 211th
15 birthday; and

16 WHEREAS, in so doing, the members pause today to reflect on the greatness of our
17 16th President, and to acknowledge his presence in this chamber both as a statesman of
18 the first order and as a Kentuckian who shaped the very firmament of this
19 Commonwealth;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

21 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
22 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

23 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby celebrate
24 Abraham Lincoln's 211th birthday, and acknowledge his home community of
25 Hodgenville and its residents for all they do to keep President Lincoln's legacy alive.

26 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
27 celebration of Abraham Lincoln's 211th birthday.

- 1 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
- 2 copy of this Resolution to Representative Brandon Reed.