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Speaker Rosenberger

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of the repose of President Abraham Lincoln at the Ohio Statehouse.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to commemorate the Sesquicentennial of the repose of President Abraham Lincoln at the Ohio Statehouse, April 29-May 4, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Assassinated on April 14, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was mourned throughout the country while his body was transported more than 1,600 miles by rail over thirteen days from Washington, D.C., to Springfield, Illinois, where he would be buried. Along the way, his funeral train stopped in Columbus, where his body laid in repose in the rotunda of the Ohio Statehouse on April 29, 1865, and an estimated 50,000 Ohioans paid their respects. The catafalque that supported his casket remained on display in the rotunda until he was laid to rest on May 4, 1865, with thousands more citizens visiting the Statehouse and leaving floral tributes during that time; and

WHEREAS, In honor of this significant anniversary, the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board is organizing various commemorative activities and events at the Ohio Statehouse from April 29-May 4, 2015, including a Civil War encampment, the playing of Taps, the display of a replica casket and catafalque, several exhibits, and a Lincoln presentation by the National Park Service. In addition, the west side of the Statehouse will be decorated as it was on April 29, 1865, and

two historically accurate thirty-six-star American flags will fly above the building; and

WHEREAS, The spirit of our nation is founded upon, and reflected in, its colorful past, and the memorializing of significant people, landmarks, and events is vital to the preservation of America's heritage. All those involved with the Sesquicentennial of the repose of President Abraham Lincoln at the Ohio Statehouse are to be applauded for their tremendous work to ensure that the important details of our past are transmitted to succeeding generations for their reflection and appreciation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize the One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of the repose of President Abraham Lincoln at the Ohio Statehouse; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board and to the news media of Ohio.