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A RESOLUTION

Commemorating the Sesquicentennial of the repose of
President Abraham Lincoln at the Ohio
Statehouse.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize the One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of the repose of President Abraham Lincoln at the Ohio Statehouse; and

WHEREAS, All those associated with the efforts to pay tribute to the solemn event of President Abraham Lincoln's body laying in state at the Ohio Statehouse, including the members of the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board, have certainly distinguished themselves as conscientious and responsible citizens devoted to preserving our state's vibrant history. From April 29 to May 4, 2015, numerous events will take place in the rotunda and on the grounds of the statehouse, including a Lincoln presentation by the National Park Service, the display of a replica catafalque and casket, the playing of Taps, various exhibits, and a Civil War encampment; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated on April 14, 1865, and his body was transported by train for more than 1,600 miles over thirteen days from Washington, D.C., to Springfield, Illinois, for burial. En route, a stop was made in Columbus on April 29, 1865, and his body laid in state in the rotunda of the Ohio Statehouse so that an estimated 50,000 Ohioans could

pay their respects that day. When he was laid to rest on May 4, 1865, the catafalque that supported his casket was removed from display in the rotunda; and

WHEREAS, In this modern era, in which the durability of goods and values is often measured in months and days rather than in centuries and decades, it is not only enlightening but also satisfying to discover that some representations of the past will stand for future generations as a record of, and a monument to, previous achievements. Undoubtedly, recognizing the One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of the repose of President Abraham Lincoln at the Ohio Statehouse will serve as a reminder of his legacy of accomplishment and leadership; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commemorate the Sesquicentennial of the repose of President Abraham Lincoln at the Ohio Statehouse; and be it further

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