

House Resolution 22 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22

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1 A Resolution acknowledging the 150th anniversary of the
2 death of President Abraham Lincoln.

3 WHEREAS, the story of Abraham Lincoln and the
4 example of his life, including his inspiring rise from
5 humble origins to the highest office of the land and
6 his decisive leadership during the Civil War, continues
7 to bring hope and inspiration to millions of people in
8 the United States and around the world; and

9 WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the Civil War the
10 leaders of the United States decided to use the
11 life and memory of Abraham Lincoln, who had just
12 been assassinated, as a symbol of national unity and
13 forgiveness; and

14 WHEREAS, the fallen President's administration
15 organized a funeral train that would follow a
16 modified version of the pathway taken by the then
17 President-elect on his way to Washington; and

18 WHEREAS, the train's route from Washington to
19 Springfield, Illinois, traveled through both formerly
20 union and confederate states as a symbol of the
21 reunification of the country; and

22 WHEREAS, to enable as many Americans as possible
23 to pay tribute to Lincoln's memory, the funeral

1 train's route was modified to make stops in Baltimore,
2 Philadelphia, New York City, Albany, Buffalo,
3 Cleveland, Columbus, Indianapolis, and Chicago; and

4 WHEREAS, more than 1 million mourners lined the
5 train tracks, with tens of thousands attending casket
6 viewings held at principal railroad junctions on the
7 train route; and

8 WHEREAS, Lincoln's funeral train, and his return
9 to Springfield, Illinois, are powerful symbols of the
10 desire of all Americans for peace, reconciliation, and
11 a search for sources of common inspiration to resolve
12 our social, political, and economic differences; NOW
13 THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
15 the House of Representatives acknowledges the 150th
16 anniversary of the death of President Abraham Lincoln
17 on April 15, 1865.