

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring the Lincoln Amphitheatre in Lincoln City, Indiana, on the 35th anniversary of its inaugural season.

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SENATE RESOLUTION _____

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring the Lincoln
2 Amphitheatre in Lincoln City, Indiana, on the 35th anniversary
3 of its inaugural season.

4 *Whereas, As one of the largest roofed amphitheatres in the*
5 *United States, the Lincoln Amphitheatre seats 1,500 in an*
6 *outdoor venue that is close to President Abraham Lincoln's*
7 *childhood home;*

8 *Whereas, From the age of seven to twenty-one, Abraham*
9 *Lincoln lived, worked, and studied in Lincoln City;*

10 *Whereas, The amphitheatre, which is located in Lincoln*
11 *State Park, was dedicated in 1987 and served as the home of*
12 *the "Young Abe Lincoln" outdoor musical drama for 19 years;*

13 *Whereas, In its inaugural season, the Lincoln Club of*
14 *Southern Indiana and the Lincoln Boyhood Drama Association*
15 *operated the amphitheatre and produced Young Abe Lincoln,*
16 *which was presented for the final time in August 2005, when*
17 *funding was lost;*

18 *Whereas, Local efforts to restore funding for a Lincoln-*



1 based production were successful in 2007, after the Indiana
2 General Assembly approved \$1.6 million for facility upgrades
3 and kicked off a production of a new Abraham Lincoln play;

4 Whereas, Following a lengthy closure during the 2015
5 season, the Indiana Destination Development Corporation
6 (formerly known as the Indiana Office of Tourism
7 Development) and the Indiana Department of Natural
8 Resources began a partnership in support of the amphitheatre
9 that led to a successful 2016 season;

10 Whereas, Since 2016, the Lincoln Amphitheatre has hosted
11 a variety of bands and performances and has experienced
12 growth in both revenue and attendance in each successive
13 operational year, including an official attendance topping
14 26,000 with tickets sold in at least 27 states and 181 Indiana
15 municipalities in 2021; and

16 Whereas, The 2022 season is expected to continue the 35-
17 year legacy of art and music that the Indiana Destination
18 Development Corporation and the Lincoln City Amphitheatre
19 have achieved and will continue to showcase the life and
20 history of Abraham Lincoln in southern Indiana and Kentucky:
21 Therefore,

22 Be it resolved by the Senate of the
23 General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

24 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate congratulates the
25 Lincoln Amphitheatre on the occasion of the 35th anniversary
26 of its inaugural season, and hopes that the amphitheatre will
27 continue to see success for many years to come.

28 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
29 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Elaine E. Bedel,
30 Secretary and CEO of the Indiana Destination Development
31 Corporation, and Marc Steczyk, Director, Lincoln



1 Amphitheatre.

