former colleague in the State Senate, and the rest of the Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission for their tireless work since 2004 to organize and coordinate the many events celebrating President Lincoln’s birth. Judge Turner and Senator Kelly’s roles were essential. Kentucky played an essential part in the national celebration of Abraham Lincoln’s 200th birthday deserve recognition.

I trust that my colleagues will join me in commemorating this historic day for Kentucky’s Second Congressional District, the entire Commonwealth, and our nation.

STIMULUS MONEY NEEDS TO PURCHASE AMERICAN GOODS

(Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, thank you so much.

I just want to add one other element to what’s being discussed here.

The elements that are taking place in putting together this economic stimulus package, I’m still holding out a little bit of hope that we can put some things in there that protect American jobs.

This is a segment in the bill, we think, that would say that steel used in transportation infrastructure would be bought in America. There is no provision yet that say that $600 million worth of cars purchased would be bought in America, $400 million worth of buses would be bought in America, hundreds of millions of dollars worth of furniture for Federal buildings would be bought in America, $1 billion worth of computers.

It is so important. This is not a violation of any treaty. It’s clear that when a Nation is spending money to create jobs, we ought to be creating those jobs in this country. We love other countries, but we can’t trade with other countries if we don’t have the money to buy their products.

I still hope this is part of what may end up in this bill. The American people are depending on it. I hate to see our dollars go overseas or where we’re borrowing money from other countries. Let’s make sure it’s used to purchase American goods.

CELEBRATING ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Mr. Speaker. Under the Speaker pro tempore of February 12, 2009, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON) is recognized for 60 minutes.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, this commission has worked for a few years now to help pay homage to commemorate the life of, from my perspective, the most extraordinary American who ever lived: Abraham Lincoln.

Abraham Lincoln was our 16th President, and he would have been 200 years old. This President’s impact on the lives of every American has been told in more books than any book writ-