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JOINT RESOLUTION

Creating a joint committee to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the second inaugural of Abraham Lincoln.

Whereas March 4, 1965, will be the one hundredth anniversary of the second inauguration of Abraham Lincoln as President of the United States; and

Whereas President Lincoln in his inaugural address looked to the end of a great fratricidal struggle and spoke, "with malice toward none and charity for all," of "a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations"; and

Whereas, in the administration he had completed, Abraham Lincoln had preserved the Union of the States, protected the Constitution of the United States, and demonstrated to all men everywhere the success of the American experiment in popular government; and

Whereas the previous actions of the Congress in observing the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth of this unique American and the one hundredth anniversary of his first inauguration as President had a vast and dramatic impact upon the people of this Nation and throughout the world; and

Whereas these observances advanced the appreciation and understanding of the history and heritage of this Nation; and

Whereas today a part of the aspirations which Abraham Lincoln held for the people of the United States has been achieved: Now, therefore, be it

Abraham Lincoln.
Second inauguration, anniversary.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That on Wednesday, March 4 next, the one hundredth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's second inauguration shall be commemorated by such observance as may be determined by the committee on arrangements in cooperation with the National Civil War Centennial Commission, the Civil War Centennial Commission of the District of Columbia, and the Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia.

Committee on arrangements.

Upon passage of this resolution, the President of the Senate shall appoint four Members of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall appoint four Members of the House of Representatives jointly to constitute a committee on arrangements.

Duties.

Upon passage of this resolution and after the Members of the Senate and House have been appointed, the committee on arrangements shall meet and select a chairman from one of their own group and such other officers as will be appropriate and needed who will immediately proceed to plan, in cooperation with the National Civil War Centennial Commission, the Civil War Centennial Commission of the District of Columbia, and the Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia, an appropriate ceremony, issue invitations to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, Secretaries of departments, heads of independent agencies, offices, and commissions, the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, the diplomatic corps, assistant heads of departments, Commissioners of the District of Columbia, members of the Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia, centennial commissions from the various States, Civil War roundtables, State and local historical and patriotic societies, and such other students and scholars in the field of history as may have a special interest in the occasion, organize a reenactment of Mr. Lincoln's first inauguration on the eastern portico of the Capitol, select a speaker and other participants, prepare and publish a program and submit a report not later than June 1, 1965.

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