

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 96-470 By Representatives B. Lesley Thomas and Robert Thompson
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WHEREAS it is the policy of the Washington State Legislature to recognize excellence in all fields of endeavor
WHEREAS Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth President of the great United States, through his selfless service and sacrifice
to this great country demonstrated the very highest level of excellence in all matters, public and private, and

WHEREAS Abraham Lincoln's conduct and decisions were faithful, governed by an unerring and unwavering
devotion to absolute personal and public integrity, and deserving the name "Honest Abe" and

WHEREAS Abraham Lincoln unequivocally upheld freedom, the rich fruits of an unlimited opportunity
limited only by the imagination, from humble beginnings in a log cabin and learned the values of hard work as
a young man splitting rails, later achieved greatness from his selfless service to his country as a member of the Illinois
Legislature, a member of the bench in the Eighth Circuit, a member of the United States Congress, and later the President of
the great United States of America;

WHEREAS Abraham Lincoln, President of the great United States, so reverently led and understood the efforts
and achievements of our nation are only possible because of the grace and hand of providence; and by his annual
Proclamation of the Emancipation Day, which humbly thanked the will of God for our nation's blessing, by his own words inscribed
on his memorial in a national capitol: "That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that the government of the
people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth;" and

WHEREAS Abraham Lincoln demonstrated his leadership and courage where in 1862 for the great good
of humanity issued the famous Emancipation Proclamation, adopted by the United States Congress the next year, which ensured
the opportunity of freedom for all persons without regard to race or color; and

WHEREAS Abraham Lincoln, President of the great United States of America, after only one month, resolved our
nation through the struggle of the Civil War, which although it brought great human loss and suffering, but in the shining
example of the foundation of a nation built upon justice and freedom, and a new and glorious history, to turn around for
posterity;

WHEREAS Abraham Lincoln, with the precision of an assassin's bullet, suffered untimely death just days after
bringing the war to a close, and in doing so, he was committed to his selfless service and the noble causes of justice,
freedom and liberty for all persons, which ensured the future of the great United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives doth honor Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth President
of the great United States.

There is hereby certified to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 470, adopted by the House of Representatives
February 9, 1996.

Timothy Martini, Chief Clerk