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PROPOSALS FOR CONGRESSIONAL LINCOLN MEMORIALS

One of the first attempts to compile information about various proposals on the part of Congress to memorialize Abraham Lincoln, is found in the Congressional Record for January 29, 1913. The recorded speech was by Hon. William W. Griest in the House of Representatives on a resolution to approve "the plan, design and location for a Lincoln Memorial". Congressman Griest prepared a list of all the Lincoln Memorial projects authorized by Congress up to 1913 and summarized them as follows:

A joint congressional memorial service.

The purchase of a statue of Lincoln for the Capitol.

The purchase of a portrait of Lincoln for the Executive Mansion.

The establishment of Lincoln Square, or Park, in the city of Washington.

The incorporation of the Lincoln Monument Association, of the District of Columbia, to which condemned bronze cannon was donated.

The donation of damaged and captured ordnance to the National Lincoln Monument Association, at Springfield, Ill., and also the stone presented by the patriots of Rome to the late President Lincoln.

The creation of a commission to secure plans and designs for a monument or memorial of Lincoln.

The erection of a tablet with the dedication address of Lincoln, at Gettysburg, Pa.

An appropriation was included in the War Department appropriation bill for the purchase of the house in which Lincoln died. The following year an appropriation of \$3,833.50 was made for repairing the house in which Lincoln died. (Vols. 29 and 30, Stat. L.)

The act declaring the 12th February, 1909, to be a legal holiday.

The issuance of a special Lincoln postage stamp for the hundredth anniversary of Lincoln's birthday.

Creation of a commission to secure plans and designs for a monument of memorial.

Possibly of more value than the above summary is a listing of all bills which presented in any way, references to a Lincoln Memorial project. The numerals in the compilation which follows refer to the House of Representatives Bill number; an asterisk following the number indicates a Senate Bill number; the capital "L" in each instance stands for Lincoln and each subject is followed by the name of the Congressman introducing the bill.

Thirty-Ninth Congress, 1865-1867

- 197. Statue of L.: Rice.
- 601. Establish L. Square: Ingersoll.
- 647. Territory of L.: Lawrence.

Forty-First Congress, 1869-1871

- 86. Territory of L.: Lawrence.
- 1641. Damage ordnance to National L. Monument Association: Judd.
- 1831. Damaged ordnance: Garfield.
- 2009. Damaged ordnance: Cullom.
- 412. Completion of Washington and L. Monuments: Boles.
- 236. Roman stone to Lincoln Memorial at Springfield: Peters.
- 1001. Territory of L.: Cullom.

Forty-Fourth Congress, 1875-1877

- 61. National holiday on L. birthday and flag at half mast on April 14: Fort.

Forty-Fifth Congress, 1877-1879

- 1182. Territory of L.: Welch.
- 3069. Territory of L.: Welch.
- Painting of L. and Cabinet.

Forty-Ninth Congress, 1885-1887

- 3759. Territory of L.: Toole.
- 2012.* Monument of L.
- 200. Monument at birthplace of L.: Robertson.

Fifty-Fourth Congress, 1895-1897

- 251. L. birthday: Bartholdt.
- 1991. Painting of L.: Cummings.
- 4346. L. birthday: Smith.
- Monument to L.: Evans.
- 8589. Purchase birthplace of L.: Lewis.
- 2509. Statue of L. at Gettysburg.
- Erection of tablet at Gettysburg.
- Purchase of L. home.

Fifty-Fifth Congress, 1897-1899

- 422. L. birthday: Smith.
- 1125. Monument to L.: Evans.
- 3791. Monument to L. at Washington, D. C.: Lorimer.
- 1160.* Statue of L.
- 4235. L. birthday: Howe.
- 5518. L. birthday: Bartholdt.
- 8067. L. birthday: Sulzer.
- 9945. L. birthday: Hurley.

Fifty-Sixth Congress, 1899-1901

- 106. L. birthday: Smith.
- 958. L. birthday: Bartholdt.
- 1071. L. birthday: Sulzer.
- 10540. L. birthday: Moody.
- 8367. Monument of L.: Lorimer.

Fifty-Seventh Congress, 1901-1903

- 122. L. birthday: Bartholdt.
- 214. L. birthday: Sulzer.
- 4332. L. birthday: Smith.
- 5269.* Monument to L.

Fifty-Eighth Congress, 1903-1905

- 110. L. birthday: Bartholdt.
- 1977. Buy portrait of L.: Allen.

- 11283. Statue of L. at Washington: McCreary.
- 5792. L. birthday: Smith.
- 10139. L. birthday: Shafroth.
- 14946. L. birthday: Gibson.
- 75. Hundredth anniversary of L. birthday: Bartholdt.

Fifty-Ninth Congress, 1905-1907

- 75. Buy portrait of L.: Allen.
- 248. L. birthday: Smith.
- 323. L. birthday: Bartholdt.
- 13. Busts of L. to D. C. schools: Goulden.

Sixtieth Congress, 1907-1909

- 4032. Buy portrait of L.: Allen.
- 16872. L. birthday: Sulzer.
- 7110.* Memorial of L. birthplace.
- 21848. Memorial of L. birthplace: Conner.
- 21985. Monument of L. and enlarge Capitol grounds: McCall.
- 11. Purchase bust of L.: Goulden.
- 22339. Memorial highway from Washington, D. C. to Gettysburg, Pa.: Lafean.
- 23741. Gettysburg highway: Pearre.
- 26603. Gettysburg highway: Lafean.
- 24137. Purchase house where L. died: Rodenberg.
- 25812. Legal holiday in Washington, D. C. on 100th anniversary of L. birth: Wilson.
- 27141. Buy portrait of L.: Livingston.
- 28100. Replica of L. birthplace in bronze: Fowler.
- 25550. Purchase of Oldroyd collection: Rodenberg.
- 247. L. birthday on 100th anniversary: McCall.
- 216. L. postage stamp: Dawson.
- 254. Commission memorial: McCall.
- 580. Print inaugural address of L.

Sixty-First Congress, 1909-1911

- 37. Replica of L. birthplace in bronze: Fowler.
- 99. Oldroyd collection: Rodenberg.
- 1057. Gettysburg highway: Lafean.
- 12259. Gettysburg highway.
- 1. Print address of L.: Brownlow.
- 46. Next state called L.: Kinkead.
- 7556. L. birthday: Griest.
- 16899. Gettysburg highway: Pearre.
- 17853. L. birthday: Sulzer.
- 147. National memorial: Griest.
- 185. Commission for memorial.
- 31238. Gettysburg highway: Lafean.
- 28985. Oldroyd collection: Bartholdt.

Sixty-Second Congress, 1911-1913

- 20. L. birthday: Griest.
- 29. Oldroyd collection: Bartholdt.
- 1338. Oldroyd collection: Anderson.
- 1672. Gettysburg highway: Lafean.
- 69. L. birthday: Austin.
- 11580. L. birthday: Taylor.
- 13045. Gettysburg highway: Borland.
- 19221. Agriculture memorial building: Rubey.
- 26082. Gettysburg highway: Taylor.
- 9449.* L. Memorial at Washington authorized.