

WHITE HOUSE,
WASHINGTON

January 30, 1903.

My dear Sir:

I wish I could be present in person to speak at your meeting. Lincoln was in the broadest and deepest sense a true American, whose Americanism was not one of birthplace, race or creed, but of the inner soul of the man; for he stood for the principle of treating each man on his worth as a man, paying heed only to the qualities which sunder good from evil in all human nature.

I wish I could be with you and congratulate you on your admirable work.

Sincerely yours,

Theodore Roosevelt

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