Washington, D.C. - Yesterday Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-8) was proud to join Congressman Ray LaHood (IL-18) in supporting H.R. 2808, *The Abraham Lincoln Commemorative Coin Act*. The bill directs the Secretary of Treasury to mint and issue $1 coins representative of the life and legacy of President Abraham Lincoln in honor of the bicentennial of his birth.

"As a member of the Illinois Delegation, I am proud to join my colleagues today in support of H.R. 2808, The Abraham Lincoln Commemorative Coin Act. This bill celebrates the many contributions of our 16th President and one of Illinois' favorite sons, Abraham Lincoln, by directing the Treasury to mint a coin in commemoration of the bicentennial of his birth.

Abraham Lincoln's service to Illinois alone warrants our remembrance and recognition, but his stewardship and vision led our nation through the darkest and most dangerous time in our history, and for that, all Americans today and all those to come, are forever indebted to him."

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