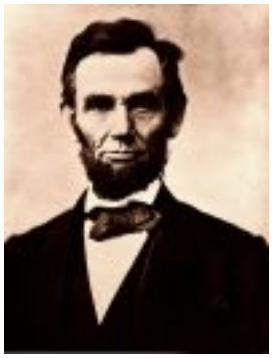

"That this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." (*Gettysburg Address*; inscribed on the Lincoln Memorial)

Abraham Lincoln was a member of the House of Representatives from Illinois before becoming the 16th President of the United States. He led the nation through a civil war which ended slavery, before being assisinated early in his second term.