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## **MCAULEY PARTICIPATES IN SIMULTANEOUS READING OF THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS**

To mark the 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Abraham Lincoln, Mother McAuley joined in the nation-wide simultaneous reading of the Gettysburg Address. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum encouraged students across the state to participate. All participants read the famous speech by Abraham Lincoln at 9:30 am on February 12.

The February 12 Gettysburg Address reading, entitled the Four Score and Seven Project, is generously supported by JP Morgan Chase, MacArthur Foundation and The Chicago Community Trust, and administered by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation.

The Four Score and Seven Project was also hoping to set a new Guinness World Record for the most people reading aloud simultaneously. According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the record for most people reading aloud simultaneously is 223,363 participants.



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McAuley junior Paige Travis of Beverly reads the Gettysburg Address over the PA system as part of the state-wide celebration of Lincoln's 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday.