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The Executive Producer of the PBS documentary *The Boy Who Heard Lincoln at Gettysburg*, which commemorates the 150th Year of the Gettysburg Address, resides on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. An author, public speaker and former university professor, Dr. Sharpe retired from the United States Capitol in January 2013, recognized for his having promoted its living history, and for his service to Congress and to the American people. He was invited back on July 2nd, 2014 to address an assembly of staff and guides on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary Commemoration of National Statuary Hall. He attended North Carolina State University and Appalachian State University and holds five earned degrees: ones awarded by East Carolina University, the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and Union Theological Seminary (Columbia) in NYC. He was a Teaching Fellow at Harvard and was awarded the Frank Knox Fellowship in 1982 to conduct his dissertation research at the University of Oxford. A native of Harmony, North Carolina, Roger Sharpe was elected and served as one of the youngest senators in that state's history, representing six counties through which had passed Daniel Boone, John Sevier, Sam Houston, Andrew Jackson and other pioneers who crossed the Appalachian Mountains to settle the American West. Former Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, Distinguished Professor at Northeastern University, said that Sharpe's memoir, *Ceremony of Innocence*, published in 2005 by Mercer University Press, should be "required reading for any young person in this country who believes, as Roger does, that public service is the noblest of callings."

In addition to his address at the US Capitol last July 2nd on US Senator Justin Morrill's House Resolution 66, which created National Statuary Hall from the Old Hall of the US House of Representatives, Dr. Sharpe's scholarly research at Harvard University and at the Library of Congress on Senator Morrill is represented in these prepared texts: Address, "US Senator Justin Smith Morrill and His Contributions to Democratizing Higher Education in the United States" for 150th Anniversary Symposium of the United States Department of Agriculture, August 16, 2012; and for the 125th annual national conference of public and land grant universities, APLU, meeting in Denver, CO, November 12, 2012. He as well was interviewed in front of the Lincoln Memorial for the PBS documentary produced by Colorado State University, *A Degree of Democracy: How the Morrill Act Changed Higher Education in America*, 2012. Dr. Sharpe was also a participant in *Land for Learning*, a centennial symposium on Justin Morrill's life and legacy, held in Strafford, Vermont on July 16-17, 1998. APLU President M. Peter McPherson, who was then president of Michigan State University, was the keynote speaker.