

Abraham Lincoln's birthday, February 12th 1809,
ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S 200th Birthday
was formerly a national holiday, now commemorated as
and the

President's Day. While most people know Abraham
Ceremonial Investiture of JIM SHARP,
Lincoln was a larger part to learning president, few
Texas' First Court of Appeals' newest Justice,
may know he also had experience as a judge. As our
is February 12, 2009

country, Lincoln worked in the Circuit Judicial Court in
The late President's birthday is an all-day affair.

Illinois, and twice a year, usually in the fall and
Justice Sharp's investiture begins at 4 PM
spring, had spent nearly three months traveling by

horseback and stopping at each county seat for a brief
in the Gerald Treece Courtroom of

court term (most often two days a week in
South Texas College of Law
season).

When of course Lincoln would was in
1303 San Jacinto St., Houston, Texas
part of Judge Barrett Reasoner at the court with

him. When Texas was first organized business
Welcoming Remarks by
HBA President-elect Barrett Reasoner

to take care of, he was the first person to act as judge
The Oath will be administered by
Governor Mark White

for a few days. This practice was irregular and was
Innocuation by
Rev. Bill Lawson, Pastor Emeritus Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church

could only preside at a trial if all parties consented. At
Benediction by
The Most Reverend Jos. Fiorenza, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

least two of Judge Lawson's cases were reversed by the
Diocese

Illinois Supreme Court because of this irregular assignment
Toasts to Abe and Jim will follow at the Foundation Room,

of the judicial system, but the Lincoln's integrity, and
House of Blues (corner of Caroline and Dallas)
character were so admirable as to inspire confidence in his

feelings and right to his judgments.