Findings from the Record of the Congressional Debate
on February 10, 1864

1. Summarize the resolution proposed by Senator Sumner.
2. Why did Senator Sumner propose the resolution? Identify and write a quote from his debate that you consider to be the strongest argument for the resolution.
3. Write the names of those proponents and opponents of Mr. Sumner’s resolution and describe their reasons for being for or against the resolution.

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| Proponents of the Resolution(name of the person & arguments) | Opponents of the Resolution(name of the person & arguments) |
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1. Choose an argument that, to you, seems best supported by factual data. Explain why you find it to be the best supported argument.
2. What attitudes towards African Americans and their contributions to the Civil War does this debate reflect?
3. From this debate record, make an inference about the extent to which efforts by African Americans to play a role in the Civil War seem to have changed others’ perceptions of them and their roles in society?