

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In order for State government to operate
3 effectively, facilities must be efficiently maintained with
4 attention to worker and citizen health and safety; and

5 WHEREAS, Since 1954, a significant number of government
6 services have been provided through the 448,000 square feet
7 of work space within the William G. Stratton Building; and

8 WHEREAS, In the 50-year span of the operation of the
9 William G. Stratton Building, the technology, services, and
10 practice of workplace safety have changed dramatically; and

11 WHEREAS, While reasonable facility lifespan requires
12 periodic major rehabilitation, the monitoring of potential
13 hazards will require the expenditure of significant sums to
14 ensure the health and welfare of workers and visitors and
15 will compound the expenditure of additional sums for other
16 building systems to accommodate new technology; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2001, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's) were
18 found in leaking ballast in the William G. Stratton Building;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, The required abatement programs and other
21 upgrades have been thoroughly documented by the Illinois
22 Legislative Space Needs Commission and the Illinois Capital
23 Development Board; and

24 WHEREAS, Since 2002, the State of Illinois has cooperated
25 with the City of Springfield concerning the work of the
26 Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team (RUDAT) concerning
27 significant revitalization efforts in the central city; and
28 therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
30 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 safety, health, and technological factors make it unrealistic
2 and not fiscally feasible to rehabilitate the William G.
3 Stratton Building; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That steps be taken to plan for the replacement
5 of the governmental work space in the William G. Stratton
6 Building in reasonable accordance with the RUDAT findings;
7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the Governor, the Chairman of the Legislative
10 Space Needs Commission, the chief executive officer of the
11 Capital Development Board, and the responsible parties for
12 implementation on a timeframe consistent with the need to
13 maintain orderly operations and fiscal responsibility.