



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, With the beginning of the Spring Legislative
3 Session of 2006, the Capitol faces the end of an era; and

4 WHEREAS, Mal Hildebrand, Acting Director of the Office of
5 the Architect of the Capitol, previously the Legislative Space
6 Needs Commission, has announced his retirement, effective
7 January 12, 2006, after 36 years of service to the State of
8 Illinois and 31 years with that agency; and

9 WHEREAS, Director Hildebrand was born in Springfield on
10 August 12, 1943; he was educated in Springfield Public Schools,
11 graduating from Springfield High School and Southern Illinois
12 University at Carbondale; throughout his student experience,
13 he was active in numerous student government and fraternal
14 affairs; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Hildebrand was appointed Assistant Director
16 of the Legislative Space Needs Commission in 1975, Acting
17 Director in January of 1977, and Executive Director in March of
18 1977; in this capacity, he had the responsibility to oversee
19 and administer the statutory responsibilities of the
20 Commission which functioned to purchase land for the Capitol
21 Complex in conjunction with the master plan in Springfield; to
22 develop plans and specifications for those facilities;
23 allocate space in the State owned buildings for the use of the
24 legislature and other agencies; and to review and approve all
25 contracts for the repair, rehabilitation, construction, or
26 alteration of all State buildings in the Capitol Complex in
27 Springfield, including all tunnels, power, and heating plants,
28 and the surrounding grounds; and

29 WHEREAS, During his tenure, many acres of land were
30 purchased for future development; a new State library,
31 centralized computer facility, revenue building, and tourist

1 center were built; a building for the Fourth District Appellate
2 Court was restored; an underground electrical distribution
3 system was designed and constructed; the State Power Plant was
4 renovated; and two major parking structures were built; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition, during his years as director, the
6 employees pay parking legislation was drafted and implemented;
7 two master plans were developed; two major church complexes
8 were purchased; and two Capitol building restoration programs
9 and many other projects were completed; and

10 WHEREAS, Throughout his long service, the Office of the
11 Architect of the Capitol and its predecessor, the Legislative
12 Space Needs Commission, handled thousands of contracts, change
13 orders, and modifications that represented hundreds of
14 millions of dollars with none of them ever found to be in
15 default; and

16 WHEREAS, Prior to his work with the Legislative Space Needs
17 Commission, he served as Chief Building Manager for the Office
18 of Secretary of State - Department of Physical Services; and

19 WHEREAS, He is married to Sally and they have two sons, one
20 daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren; he and his family
21 attend Westminster Presbyterian Church, where he has served on
22 both the Board of Elders and Board of Deacons and has been
23 active on numerous other church committees; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
25 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
26 we applaud Mal Hildebrand for his many years of service to the
27 citizens of this State and to the legislature, and we extend to
28 him our most sincere best wishes for the future; and be it
29 further

30 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Director Hildebrand as an expression of our
2 admiration and esteem.