



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois wish to recognize the 100th anniversary of
4 the Foellinger Auditorium in 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, Among the oldest buildings on campus, the
6 Foellinger Auditorium has become the image of the University of
7 Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, overlooking the Quad with its
8 120-foot-diameter dome and Northern Italian Renaissance
9 design; and

10 WHEREAS, The Foellinger Auditorium began as the idea of
11 President Edmund Janes James, who wished to create a noble
12 monument dedicated to music in his quest to make the university
13 a world-class institution; Clarence Blackall was selected as
14 the architect to design the auditorium; a scaled-back version
15 of what Blackall had conceived was implemented due to lack of
16 funding; and

17 WHEREAS, Many students, staff, faculty, public figures,
18 orators, educators, and scientists have spoken or performed at
19 the auditorium; Sergei Rachmaninoff, Artur Rubenstein, Igor
20 Stravinsky, John Phillip Sousa, Marian Anderson, Jane Adams,
21 Robert Frost, Ravi Shankar, Duke Ellington, Eleanor Roosevelt,
22 R. Buckminster Fuller, Maya Angelou, and Bill Gates have all
23 appeared there; and

24 WHEREAS, Renovations over the last century have kept the
25 building up with changing times; in 1983 an alumni gift allowed
26 the University to fulfill Blackall's original aspirations for
27 the Auditorium; and

28 WHEREAS, The pineapple placed on the top of the dome is the
29 international symbol of welcome; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we honor the Foellinger Auditorium on its 100th anniversary;
4 and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the University of Illinois community as a token of
7 our esteem.