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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, In 1867 the Legislature authorized the construction of the sixth Illinois State Capitol and the second to be located in Springfield; the groundbreaking was held the following year and in 1877 the General Assembly met in its present chambers for the first time; work on the building was finally completed in 1888; and

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WHEREAS, The original design for the building was created by Chicago architect John C. Cochrane, who formed a partnership with Alfred H. Piquenard; architect W. W. Boyington, who also designed Chicago's Water Tower building, played an important role in the final years of the Capitol's construction; and

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WHEREAS, The last significant chamber renovations were finished in 1974; nearly three decades of additional wear, combined with critical electrical, plumbing, climate control, structural and public safety concerns, prompted the realization that to ensure the chamber would continue to serve its essential function for generations to come, it would be necessary to undertake a significant new reconstruction effort; and

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WHEREAS, Those involved in the initial renovation planning recognized that the situation presented a rare opportunity to

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1 restore the chamber to the grandeur and majesty it had not  
2 known since its first days; to understand the chamber's  
3 original décor and arrangement, guarantee historical accuracy  
4 and maintain modern functionality, House and Senate staff, in  
5 conjunction with architects and historians, undertook a  
6 multi-year research effort involving the examination of period  
7 documents, photographs, newspaper articles and architectural  
8 drawings in the Sangamon Valley Collection of Springfield's  
9 Lincoln Library and at the State Archives; and

10 WHEREAS, By joint agreement of the House and Senate  
11 leadership, and the governor, the construction phase of the  
12 restoration was slated to begin in 2006; only moments after the  
13 94th General Assembly adjourned its Spring session in May that  
14 year did workers begin the task of preparing the chamber,  
15 moving quickly to remove old fixtures and furnishings in  
16 preparation for the renovation ahead; so began the labors of  
17 hundreds of craftsmen and women working continuously for eight  
18 months to rebuild the chambers, literally from the ground up;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, The firm of Vinci-Hamp Architects of Chicago,  
21 known for its expertise in historical architecture,  
22 researched, designed, and oversaw the renovation contract;  
23 CORE Construction of Morton, Illinois served as the project's  
24 general contractor under the leadership of Brian Rumpf, meeting

1 deadlines and working to insure the historical accuracy of the  
2 work; and

3 WHEREAS, Numerous subcontractors worked diligently on  
4 various aspects of the project; Colfax Corporation did the  
5 initial asbestos abatement; Henneman Raufeisen & Associates  
6 did HVAC Phase I which upgraded the dependability and  
7 performance of the chambers mechanical systems; B & B Electric  
8 and Cochran and Wilken worked together to design and upgrade  
9 the electrical capabilities and dependability of the chamber's  
10 mechanical systems; Henson Robinson installed modern plumbing;  
11 Evergreene Studios provided historical analysis and  
12 restoration of decorative paintwork throughout the chamber;  
13 Imperial Woodworking was responsible for the extensive  
14 millwork; Brooks Art Glass replicated art glass for the  
15 laylight; Bennett Electronic Service Company installed and  
16 programmed the new audio system; Morton Automatic Electric  
17 installed the new voting consoles; Signature Craft installed  
18 the upholstered chamber panels; H. F. Fritsch & Sons did  
19 painting and woodwork refinishing; Murphy Marble did the  
20 intricate marble reconstruction; Bob Gfroerer hand-stitched  
21 over one mile of carpet on the House floor and Allied Carpet  
22 hand stitched the gallery and corridors; St. Louis Lighting  
23 Company provided period lighting fixtures throughout; and

24 WHEREAS, All of the work was done under the supervision of

1 the Capitol Development Board in collaboration with Secretary  
2 of State Jesse White and Capitol Architect Donald McLarty;  
3 numerous state agencies and offices, from the Legislative  
4 Information System, Central Management Services, and the staff  
5 of the Illinois House of Representatives and Senate helped to  
6 make the project a success; and

7 WHEREAS, It is a great honor and privilege to be the first  
8 legislators to lay eyes upon and work in surroundings that, but  
9 for the addition of certain modern conveniences and appliances,  
10 would be completely familiar to the lawmakers who first did the  
11 people's business here one-hundred-thirty years ago;  
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 that we extend our sincere thanks to all those who endeavored  
16 to restore this House to its former glory, and create a place  
17 which is among the very finest legislative chambers in the  
18 United States and one which the people of Illinois can be  
19 justly proud; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to  
21 the attached list of construction participants as an expression  
22 of our gratitude and appreciation.

1	CORE Construction	Steve Roeschley
2		Brian Rumpf
3		Curt Tanner
4		Rich Sandridge
5		Wes Clanton
6		Mike Reynolds
7		Randy Jacob
8	HF Fritsche	Wen Fritsche
9		Mark Conaway
10		Tim Durbin
11		Steve Sagle
12		Dennis Gillette
13		Keith Thrasher
14		Herb Craig
15		Robert Smith
16		Doug Hernandez
17		Mike Pryor
18		J. D. Harris
19		Tom Muir
20	plasterers	Steve Rothe
21		Gerry Whalen
22		Mike Jones
23		Caine Weber
24		Chris Howard
25	Cochran & Wilken Inc	Rick Schmudde
26		Jerry Dillon

1		Link Cochran
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3		Marcus Belli
4		Lloyd Busse
5		Ralph Heppner
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7		Kathy Costa
8	Vinci Hamp	Phil Hamp
9		David Hrabal
10		Alex Krikharr
11		Lisa Korpan
12		David Reyff
13		Larry DuPont
14	CDB	Tony Licata
15		Mark Gerardot
16		Jan Grimes
17		Ron Wright
18		Mark Flowers
19		Ed James
20		Todd DeJaynes
21		Jim Riemer
22	Bennett Electronic Service	John Lauth
23		Lance Bounds
24		Brian Hopper
25		Aaron Rock
26	Morton Automatic Electric	Alan Rumbold

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3		Glenn Brown
4		Dave Giese
5		Terry Brackenbury
6	Egizii	Jim Tomasko
7		Dorse Taylor
8		Mike McSperritt
9	Architect	Don McLarty
10		Dean McGeath
11	B & B Electric	Warren Atherton
12		Steve Trutter
13		Scott Skillett
14	Henson Robinson	Scott Williams
15		Doug Parker
16	SOS	Rusty Kunz
17		Terri Coombes
18		Donna Fitts
19		Eric Whitlock
20		Daryl Vermilion
21		Harl Ray
22		Joe Lowder
23	Brooks Art Glass	Steve Brooks and wife Monica
24	Henneman Raufeisen	
25	& Associates	Dave Mauch
26		Paul Boland

1		Lee Turley
2		Chuck Belanger
3		Joe Kolodzinski
4	Murphy Marble	Mike Van Etten
5		Greg Satterfield
6		Derrik Satterfield
7		Dustin Satterfield
8	Allied Carpet (Iowa)	Nick Cox
9	Ohio Carpet	Bob Gfroerer
10		Brian Gfroerer
11	Signature Craft	
12	fabric guys	Matthew Bice
13		Dan Rausch
14	sound	Mark Bennett
15	AT&T	Ron Skelton
16		Matt Dutz