IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS AND BONNEVILLE COUNTY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE HISTORIC HOTEL BONNEVILLE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the vast country between the Missouri and Columbia rivers gave the United States an opportunity to claim a region in the northwest between the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, known as the Oregon Country; and

WHEREAS, the region became known for its fur trade, and Captain Bonneville headed an expedition in the region between 1832 and 1834 to explore it more fully; and

WHEREAS, Idaho became part of the United States by the Oregon Treaty of 1846, and the Idaho Territory was officially organized on March 3, 1863, by an act of Congress, and signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln. President Lincoln appointed William H. Wallace as the first territorial governor; and

WHEREAS, the discovery of gold, silver, and other valuable natural resources throughout Idaho began in the 1860s; and

WHEREAS, Idaho became the 43rd state on July 3,1890, with George Laird Shoup as the first governor; and

WHEREAS, in 1891 a group of professional land promoters from Chicago visited Eagle Rock, Idaho, and worked to change the name to Idaho Falls in 1893; and

WHEREAS, on February 7,1911, Governor James Henry Hawley signed into law the bill that established Bonneville County, with Idaho Falls as the county seat; and

WHEREAS, in May of 1927, the Times-Register reported that "The Hotel Bonneville, Idaho Falls' outstanding community endeavor, is the result of the desire on the part of a number of the people of Idaho Falls, and community, to have the use of a strictly first class hotel, with adequate accommodations and quality of service which would enable Idaho Falls, as a community, to invite public gatherings and conventions and to be prepared to take care of them in a way and manner, which would reflect credit on the community"; and

WHEREAS, after a thorough study of all available sites, the announcement was made that the northwest corner of "C" Street and Park Avenue was the most desirable. Hotel Bonneville, named in honor of Captain Bonneville, the founder of this region, opened its doors for business on June 1,1927; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of the Idaho Falls Redevelopment Agency, The Housing Company, and all of their partners, the hotel has been renovated from a state of disrepair through the use of Historic Preservation Tax Credits and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits and now stands as the Bonneville

Apartments, once again a central part of downtown Idaho Falls, its history, and the community; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Idaho Falls Mayor, Rebecca Casper, the Idaho Falls City Council, and the Idaho Falls Redevelopment Agency, the people of this community are pleased for the opportunity to honor the founders of the county and preserve this historic building for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the State of Idaho congratulates the city of Idaho Falls and Bonneville County for the preservation of this historic building for generations to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this concurrent resolution to the Governor of the State of Idaho, the Bonneville County commissioners, and the Mayor of Idaho Falls, Rebecca Casper.