

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 115

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND EXPRESSING GRATITUDE AND RECOGNIZ-
2 ING ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES THAT WORKED ON AND WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE
3 RENOVATION OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING OF THE STATE OF IDAHO.
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5 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 WHEREAS, the Idaho State Capitol Building in Boise has been the his-
7 toric center of lawmaking since it was originally constructed, beginning
8 in 1905, and completed in 1920, employing over 2,000 people at a cost of
9 \$2,098,455.05; and

10 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Idaho in 1998 authorized the
11 Idaho State Capitol Commission to create master plans ten years in the making
12 that would ensure the Capitol Building's preeminence for future generations
13 through a historic restoration and expansion of the people's house, accom-
14 modating more participants of the legislative process and ensuring its sur-
15 vival for years to come; and

16 WHEREAS, the project was authorized in 1998, with master plans devel-
17 oped in 2000 and 2005, fundraising taking place therein, and building com-
18 mencing in 2007, with the entire renovation reaching completion in 2009; and

19 WHEREAS, the goal of this restoration and expansion project was to pre-
20 serve historic features and value of the building, to restore everything to
21 its original appearance after the completion of the project, to rehabili-
22 tate by making good use of the building while still preserving its historic
23 and architectural integrity, and to expand underground with the addition of
24 atrium wings to make for a larger, more spacious public viewing of the leg-
25 islative hearing rooms; and

26 WHEREAS, much of the restoration included safety, fire, electrical,
27 heating, ventilating and air conditioning improvements, as well as refur-
28 bishing the marble flooring, wooden flooring and doors, light fixtures and
29 windows; and

30 WHEREAS, thousands of people worked on the restoration project as thou-
31 sands did during its original construction making this \$120 million project
32 possible.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
34 sion of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Repre-
35 sentatives concurring therein, that we honor, express gratitude and recog-
36 nize the vision, creativity and hard work of all those responsible for the
37 notable success of the Capitol Renovation Project including the Capitol Com-
38 mission members past and present, the Division of Public Works project team,
39 the architects, designers and construction entities, and last but not least,
40 the hundreds of workers, artisans and craftsmen responsible for the superb
41 quality of the Capitol Renovation, who have left a direct personal legacy for
42 generations of Idahoans to enjoy when they visit our beautiful Capitol.