

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE  
IDAHO STATE CAPITOL'S DEDICATION.

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

WHEREAS, on March 4, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed Public Law  
37-96, creating the Idaho Territory; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2013, Idaho celebrated its Territorial Sesquicen-  
tennial; and

WHEREAS, the following year, in recognition of the importance of March 4  
in Idaho history, and as an outgrowth of the sesquicentennial celebrations,  
the Legislature enacted House Bill 378, establishing March 4 as Idaho Day;  
and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Idaho Day is to honor Idaho's rich heritage with  
appropriate ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, in that heritage, there is no greater treasure than the Idaho  
State Capitol, dedicated to the people of Idaho on January 3, 1921; and

WHEREAS, the Capitol was constructed in two phases between 1905 and  
1920, designed by architects John E. Tourtellotte and Charles F. Hummel  
to symbolize the principles and ideals of republican government, with Mr.  
Tourtellotte describing his vision for the building and the people it served  
as follows: "If the people are well balanced in their ideals and understand  
that a commonwealth, like the individual, to be worthwhile and endure, must  
have a soul; that the great white light of conscience must be allowed to shine  
and by its interior illumination make clear the path of duty and in the clar-  
ity of that vision that they must act and go forward with courage, to perfect  
the outward form by the developing and conserving of her resources; encour-  
aging legitimate enterprise and industry, and by embracing and perfecting  
all that tends to the upbuilding of the moral, intellectual and physical  
needs of the people; if the people of Idaho hold these ideals and are striving  
to make them real, then this Capitol truly represents the Commonwealth of  
Idaho"; and

WHEREAS, from 2007 to 2010, the Capitol was restored and expanded in an  
extensive renovation and preservation project, with the building rededi-  
cated on January 9, 2010; and

WHEREAS, for the past 100 years, the Capitol has served as the People's  
House, providing a home for discussion, cooperation, collaboration, and the  
conduct of the people's business; and

WHEREAS, the year 2021 marks the centennial of the Capitol's first dedi-  
cation; and

WHEREAS, it is the will of the Legislature that on Idaho Day 2021, the  
legacy of our state's signature monument and place of public business, the  
Capitol, be recognized, honored, commemorated, and celebrated.

1           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-  
2 sion of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and  
3 the Senate concurring therein, that on Idaho Day 2021, the Legislature shall  
4 honor and recognize the centennial of the Idaho State Capitol's dedication  
5 with appropriate ceremonies.

6           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature, in such ceremonies, shall  
7 solemnly reflect on its own role in the Capitol's history and in conducting  
8 the people's business.

9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that on Idaho Day  
10 2021, the people of Idaho celebrate the Capitol and its legacy.