

House Resolution No. 355

Whereas, the Governor Hotel in Jefferson City will receive the Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation's 2002 Preserve Missouri Award for outstanding achievement in the area of Civic Building Restoration during a special ceremony to be held February 27, 2002, in the Rotunda of the State Capitol; and

Whereas, founded in 1976 as the Missouri Heritage Trust, Missouri Preservation is the only statewide not-for-profit preservation organization in Missouri and is dedicated to promoting historic preservation activities throughout Missouri and serving and speaking for small towns and rural communities as well as urban centers; and

Whereas, once described as "Jefferson City's nucleus of politics and everything else", the Governor Hotel had become run-down and obsolete by the 1990s as tenants moved out, services stopped, and the building slowly slid into deterioration; and

Whereas, inspired by Governor Mel Camahan, a convergence of supportive legislation, City cooperation, and a far-sighted developer, the restoration of the Hotel Governor has resulted in a fully-occupied, eight-story office building which offers modern amenities and irreplaceable historic ambiance; and

Whereas, the Hotel Governor retains original Art Deco-style elements and offers a unique location, anchoring downtown Jefferson City and the State Capitol two blocks to the west; and

Whereas, following the close of the Madison Hotel which was destroyed by fire in 1939, the Governor Hotel was completed in 1942 and opened its doors to the public on September 13, quickly becoming the principal lodging place for state senators, representatives, and lobbyists; and

Whereas, the restoration of the Hotel Governor, now the Governor Office Building, would not have been possible if not for the tireless efforts of owner Bruce Cohn, whose tremendous diligence and hard work have paid off as the Hotel Governor has reclaimed its status as a Jefferson City landmark:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Bruce Cohn and to all those dedicated individuals affiliated with the Hotel Governor at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Hotel Governor in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative W. W. (Bill) Gratz
 District No. 113

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 355, adopted February 21, 2002.

 Jim Kreider, Speaker