

House Resolution No. 747

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse daily endeavors in order to acknowledge a milestone event in the history of the Show-Me State town of Cape Girardeau; and

Whereas, in December 2004 three contiguous 19th century brick buildings that now house Port Cape Girardeau restaurant were placed on the National Register of Historic Places as the Warehouse Row Historic District; and

Whereas, one of four historic districts in Cape Girardeau, the Port Cape Girardeau buildings were researched and submitted for National Register of Historic Places inclusion by preservationist Terri Foley; and

Whereas, the Port Cape Girardeau buildings are owned by Dennis “Doc” Cain who wants to further renovate the three structures to include a banquet hall on the third floor of the structure which sits at the corner of Themis and Water streets; and

Whereas, the Port Cape Girardeau buildings were constructed of thick, brick walls with massive ceiling beams in the early 1860s for use as warehouses, and the tallest of the three structures contains a huge pulley system that hauled merchandise to the top floor; and

Whereas, the one-story, two-story, and three-story Port Cape Girardeau structures are the only remaining adjoined pre-1900 commercial warehouse buildings in Cape Girardeau; and

Whereas, because of its historic status, the Port Cape Girardeau buildings will qualify for state and federal tax credits to help fund their continued renovation:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Port Cape Girardeau for placement on the National Register of Historic Places and to convey this legislative body’s most heartfelt best wishes to owner Dennis “Doc” Cain for unparalleled success in his future renovation plans; 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 presentation to Port Cape Girardeau in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Nathan D. Cooper
District No. 158

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 747, adopted February 23, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker