

House Resolution No. 372

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives welcome with pleasure the opportunity to recognize the Wilhoit Building in Springfield, Missouri, which has been chosen as a recipient of the 2008 Preserve Missouri Award, a most impressive accolade to be bestowed upon it by the Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation on February 27, 2008, in the Missouri State Capitol Rotunda in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, the Wilhoit Building, when built by E.M. Wilhoit in 1926, was lauded as having more floor space than any building in Springfield; and

Whereas, the Wilhoit Building served as the home of the Edward M. Wilhoit Company for many decades and also housed early tenants including the Draghoun Business College and the Dillon Brothers Packard Automobile Agency; and

Whereas, the Wilhoit Building is being awarded the 2008 Preserve Missouri Award for the major rehabilitation efforts of Matt Miller Company, which has transformed a run-down, partly vacant property into a vibrant part of downtown Springfield; and

Whereas, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Wilhoit Building had open service bays on the ground floor that now house retail and restaurant tenants, with the second floor filled with thirty-two new loft apartments and a large office complex that presently anchors the west end:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to J. Matthew Miller, Matthew E. Miller, and Jeff Schrag for their selection to receive the 2008 Missouri Preservation Award and in further wishing all those involved this legislative body's best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors; 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 in honor of the Wilhoit Building in Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Charlie Norr
District No. 137

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 372, adopted February 4, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker