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SENATE Joint Resolution

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

SHORT TITLE: "Capitol Dome Fundraising"

COMMITTEE JOINT RESOLUTION

101 CONCERNING THE ESSENTIAL RESTORATION OF THE CAST IRON  
102 STRUCTURE OF THE COLORADO STATE CAPITOL DOME, AND, IN  
103 CONNECTION THEREWITH, ENDORSING A PARTNERSHIP  
104 BETWEEN THE STATE OF COLORADO AND COLORADO  
105 PRESERVATION, INC., TO IMPLEMENT A FUND-RAISING  
106 CAMPAIGN FOR RESTORING THE CAPITOL DOME THAT WILL  
107 INCLUDE CAUSE-RELATED MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIPS.

1 WHEREAS, Colorado's gold-plated state Capitol dome is at the  
2 center of Colorado state government and an iconic symbol of unparalleled  
3 historical significance in the state; and

4 WHEREAS, The Colorado State Capitol dome, which is more than  
5 100 years old, has fallen into serious disrepair in recent years; and

6 WHEREAS, The cast iron architectural detail attached to the  
7 superstructure is rusting to the point that an architectural inspection team

1 declared "the potential loss of strength as a result of deterioration is a  
2 significant hazard to the building and its occupants"; and

3 WHEREAS, The public observation deck, which has been a  
4 destination for generations of Colorado school children, citizens, and  
5 visitors, has been closed since a nearly ten-pound chunk of cast iron fell  
6 from the dome, prompting work crews to install netting in order to catch  
7 falling debris; and

8 WHEREAS, The state's budget constraints have significantly  
9 impeded the ability of the state to fund the needed repairs, which are  
10 estimated at between \$11 million and \$30 million; and

11 WHEREAS, The Colorado State Capitol dome was recognized in  
12 2010 as one of Colorado's Most Endangered Places by Colorado  
13 Preservation, Inc.; and

14 WHEREAS, Colorado Preservation, Inc., is a nonprofit, statewide  
15 historic preservation organization that provides assistance in historic  
16 preservation to Colorado communities through a statewide network of  
17 information, education, training, expertise, and advocacy and has  
18 indicated a willingness to partner with the state of Colorado in a  
19 campaign to raise the funds necessary to repair the Capitol dome; and

20 WHEREAS, The vision of Colorado Preservation, Inc. is to create  
21 a broad-based, grassroots, privately funded initiative that does not rely on  
22 the use of government or public funds; and

23 WHEREAS, The proposed effort is likely to include cause-related  
24 marketing sponsorships, outreach to Colorado school children, a  
25 grassroots public campaign, and grants and gifts; and

26 WHEREAS, It is essential that this effort be launched as soon as  
27 possible in order to ensure the safety of those who work in and visit the  
28 state Capitol; now, therefore,

29 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-seventh General Assembly*  
30 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

31 (1) That we, the members of the Sixty-seventh General Assembly,  
32 acknowledge the importance and urgency of the restoration of the state  
33 Capitol dome;

34 (2) That we appreciate the efforts of Colorado Preservation, Inc.,  
35 in bringing attention to the necessary restoration of the state Capitol  
36 dome;

37 (3) That we hereby endorse a fund-raising effort that will include  
38 cause-related marketing and sponsorships;

39 (4) That we hereby support the use of any protective covering  
40 over the state Capitol dome and related superstructure during construction  
41 for the purpose of displaying artistic renderings of the project and  
42 imagery that celebrates the history, people, and natural beauty of the state

1 so as to promote public support for the project and to honor major  
2 sponsors of the project in a tasteful manner, subject to review by the  
3 Capitol Building Advisory Committee and approval by the Capital  
4 Development Committee; and

5 (5) That Colorado Preservation, Inc., will submit proposals for the  
6 fund-raising effort and any associated agreements to the Capitol Building  
7 Advisory Committee and that the Capitol Building Advisory Committee  
8 will forward the proposals and agreements with its recommendations to  
9 the Capital Development Committee for approval.

10 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
11 to Governor Bill Ritter, Jr.; Mayor John Hickenlooper and the City  
12 Council of Denver; the membership of Colorado Preservation, Inc.; the  
13 board of Historic Denver, Inc.; the board of Historic Boulder, Inc.; the  
14 board of Historic Pueblo, Inc.; the board of Historic Georgetown, Inc.; the  
15 board of Historic Douglas County, Inc.; the board of Historic Routt  
16 County!, Inc.; the Mountains/Plains Office of the National Trust for  
17 Historic Preservation; the Colorado Historical Society; Larry Friedberg,  
18 Colorado State Architect; Lance Shepperd, Manager, Design and  
19 Construction Programs, Office of the State Architect; the Civic Center  
20 Park Conservancy; and members of Colorado's congressional delegation.

