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(None),

Senate Committees

House Committees

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14-036

101 CONCERNING CELEBRATING THE RESTORATION OF THE STATE
102 CAPITOL DOME.

1 WHEREAS, The State Capitol building was designed by architect
2 Elijah Myers and completed in 1894; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Myers originally planned for the dome atop the
4 State Capitol to be copper, but the legislature agreed to cover the copper
5 with gold leaf; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1908, Colorado gold was used to gild the dome as
7 a reminder of the significance of gold to our state's history and a symbol
8 of our prosperity; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 WHEREAS, Colorado weather conditions, particularly its seasonal
2 freeze and thaw cycles, have necessitated repairs to the State Capitol
3 building and its dome over the years due to corrosion; and

4 WHEREAS, Damage to the dome from corrosion caused the
5 observation deck to be closed and a temporary netting system installed in
6 2006; and

7 WHEREAS, In recent years, extreme rusting and deterioration of
8 the dome necessitated a more permanent intervention, and a long-term
9 plan commenced in 2011 to restore the cast iron structure of the dome;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The restoration was made possible by funding from
12 the state historical society, donations from businesses and citizens of
13 Colorado who participated in the "Share in the Care Colorado" campaign,
14 and the general fund; and

15 WHEREAS, Since restoration has commenced, much work has
16 been done, including repairing deteriorated portions of the cast iron dome
17 enclosure; replacing the copper above the cast iron and gilding the new
18 copper with gold; and restoring windows and the interior balcony area;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, The dome was re-gilded with gold leaf donated by
21 AngloGold Ashanti/Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company,
22 mined from the Teller County mine in Cripple Creek, Colorado, and
23 prepared in Florence, Italy; and

24 WHEREAS, After being cloaked in scrim and scaffolding for three
25 years during its repairs, the restored dome began its unveiling in early
26 2014 and will soon reopen and be viewed by the thousands of visitors
27 who come to the state capitol each year; and

28 WHEREAS, Despite the large scope and size of the endeavor, the
29 dome restoration project is currently on-time and under-budget; and

30 WHEREAS, It is fitting that we recognize and celebrate the
31 restoration of an irreplaceable historic landmark and symbol of our state;
32 now, therefore,

1 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly*
2 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

3 That we, the members of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly,
4 recognize the efforts of all those involved in the restoration of the State
5 Capitol dome and celebrate its completion.

6 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
7 to Governor John Hickenlooper; Director Larry Friedberg of the Office
8 of the State Architect; President Edward C. Nichols of History Colorado;
9 Superintendent Chris Derington of GH Phipps; Director Jane Daniels of
10 Colorado Preservation, Inc.; Board President Rebecca Goodwin of
11 Colorado Preservation, Inc.; Marie Patterson of AngloGold
12 Ashanti/Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company; each member of
13 the Capital Development Committee; and each member of the Capitol
14 Building Advisory Committee.