

House Resolution 1282

By: Representatives Cox of the 28th, Burns of the 159th, Hatchett of the 155th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Greene of the 154th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Georgia Building Authority team for excellence in the restoration of the
2 Georgia State Capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Capitol stands as a magnificent testament to our state's rich
4 history and democratic traditions, having served continuously as the seat of Georgia's
5 government since its completion in 1889; and

6 WHEREAS, this historic structure was constructed between 1884 and 1889, representing one
7 of the finest examples of neoclassical architecture in the southeastern United States and
8 serving as a symbol of Georgia's enduring commitment to democratic governance; and

9 WHEREAS, during the recent comprehensive renovation of our beloved Capitol, remarkable
10 discoveries were made that revealed the building's extraordinary historical significance,
11 including the presence of original Andrew Carnegie structural steel throughout the building's
12 framework; and

13 WHEREAS, this discovery establishes the Georgia State Capitol as one of the two oldest
14 capitol buildings still in continuous operation in the United States of America to feature

15 Carnegie steel construction, adding immeasurable historical value to this treasured landmark;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Building Authority, under exceptional leadership, undertook the
18 monumental task of restoring our State Capitol to its original architectural glory while
19 preserving its historical integrity for future generations; and

20 WHEREAS, Gerald Pilgrim of the Georgia Building Authority demonstrated outstanding
21 leadership, vision, and dedication throughout this complex restoration project, ensuring that
22 every detail honored both the building's historical significance and the needs of modern
23 governance; and

24 WHEREAS, David Goodhead provided exceptional expertise and craftsmanship in the
25 renovation process; his meticulous attention to detail and deep respect for historical
26 preservation brought our Capitol back to its magnificent original condition; and

27 WHEREAS, the dedication and expertise of the construction team comprised of Sachin Dev
28 Shailendra of SG Contracting, Michael Macon of Balfour-Beatty, M. Sean Moxley of
29 Garbutt Construction, and the design team including Lamar Wakefield and Henry Cantwell
30 of Nelson were essential to the successful restoration of one of Georgia's most important
31 historic landmarks; and

32 WHEREAS, the entire Georgia Building Authority team worked tirelessly to balance
33 historical preservation with modern functionality, creating a restored Capitol that serves as
34 both a working seat of government and a treasured historical landmark; and

35 WHEREAS, their collective efforts have ensured that the Georgia State Capitol will continue
36 to inspire citizens and visitors alike for generations to come, standing as a proud symbol of
37 Georgia's heritage and democratic values.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body commend and honor the Georgia Building Authority team, with
40 special recognition to Gerald Pilgrim and David Goodhead, for their exceptional dedication,
41 expertise, and achievement in restoring the Georgia State Capitol to its original grandeur.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives extends its deepest
43 gratitude to all members of the Georgia Building Authority team who contributed to this
44 historic restoration project, recognizing their commitment to preserving Georgia's
45 architectural heritage.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
47 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Gerald
48 Pilgrim, David Goodhead, and the Georgia Building Authority.