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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14-036

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

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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.*

HOUSE  
Final Reading  
May 7, 2014

SENATE  
Final Reading  
May 5, 2014

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 fund, 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; Executive  
13          Director Kathy Nesbitt, Department of Personnel & Administration;  
14          Director of the Division of Statewide Programs Matthew Azer,  
15          Department of Personnel & Administration; Director of the Division of  
16          Central Services Scott Madsen, Department of Personnel &  
17          Administration; Architect Manager Lance Shepherd, Division of Central  
18          Services in the Department of Personnel & Administration; each member  
19          of the Capital Development Committee; and each member of the Capitol  
20          Building Advisory Committee.