

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41
BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE; RECOGNIZING AND ENCOURAGING THE WORK OF
3 GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSIONS
4 AND HISTORICAL SOCIETIES, AS WELL AS THE WORK OF THE STATE HISTORICAL
5 SOCIETY AND THE IDAHO HERITAGE TRUST, TO PRESERVE IDAHO'S AGRICULTURAL
6 HISTORY; APPRECIATING THE EFFORTS AND INVESTMENT IN HISTORIC PRESERVA-
7 TION AT THE LOCAL LEVEL AS VITAL TO IDAHO'S STATEWIDE PRESERVATION EF-
8 FORT; AND STATING THERE IS NO STATE FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVING
9 THE RESOLUTION'S GOALS.

10 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

11 WHEREAS, Idaho historic agricultural buildings are witnesses to the
12 role of agriculture in our state's history and economy and serve as scenic
13 landmarks for residents and visitors alike; and

14 WHEREAS, historic agricultural structures across Idaho symbolize im-
15 portant Idaho values of heritage, hard work, productivity and an attachment
16 to the land and the people who built them; and

17 WHEREAS, historic agricultural buildings uphold the historic rural
18 qualities of Idaho's landscape, along with providing a picturesque atmos-
19 phere for the state's citizens and visitors to enjoy; and

20 WHEREAS, these structures provide insight into our distinctive agri-
21 cultural history and heritage, as well as a visual description of rural life,
22 both past and present, in Idaho; and

23 WHEREAS, the Idaho State Historical Society, the Idaho Heritage Trust,
24 local historic preservation commissions and local historical societies
25 across Idaho have made efforts to preserve these significant structures and
26 make residents aware of their importance including, but not limited to, the
27 following:

28 The Bear River Heritage Area's publication of "Historic Barns of South-
29 eastern Idaho: A Self-Guided Driving Tour";

30 The Dry Creek Historical Society's preservation of the Schick-Ostolasa
31 Farmstead in Ada County, which won the American Association for State and
32 Local History Corey Award in 2009, the highest national award given in the
33 field of state and local history to all-volunteer organizations;

34 The Adams County Historical Society's publication of "Meadows Valley
35 Barns";

36 The Idaho Heritage Trust's assistance in preserving the 1922 log barn at
37 the Landmark Forest Service Ranger Station in Valley County;

38 The Latah County Historic Preservation Commission's identification of
39 the "Historic Agricultural Properties of Latah County, 1855-1955"; and

40 The White Spring Ranch Museum's preservation of the White Spring Ranch
41 in Latah County as an example of early ranching in northern Idaho;

1 The Idaho State Historic Preservation Office's technical assistance in
2 listing on the National Register of Historic Places seven barns in the Buhl
3 area built by farmers attracted from Tillamook, along with related agricul-
4 tural properties including Salmon Falls Dam, Milner Dam and the Twin Falls
5 Main Canal; and

6 WHEREAS, as a result of various threats, Idaho's built agricultural en-
7 vironment is rapidly disappearing and with it an invaluable part of Idaho's
8 history is also disappearing, as are opportunities for rural economic devel-
9 opment.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
11 sion of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the
12 Senate concurring therein, that the work of grassroots organizations such
13 as historical preservation commissions and historical societies, as well as
14 the work of the Idaho State Historical Society and the Idaho Heritage Trust
15 to preserve Idaho's agricultural history is hereby recognized and encour-
16 aged.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state of Idaho appreciates that efforts
18 and investment in historic preservation at the local level are vital to
19 Idaho's statewide preservation effort.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is no state financial commitment to
21 achieving the goals set forth in this resolution.