

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 381

Introduced by Fulton, 29.

WHEREAS, Colonel Harry Francis Cunningham was a partner in the architectural firm of Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue at the time of Goodhue's death in 1924; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Harry Francis Cunningham succeeded Goodhue as lead architect for the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Cunningham is responsible for the final design of the State Capitol's majestic and renowned tower, the interior design of the Memorial Chamber at the tower's pinnacle, and the design of the original George W. Norris Legislative Chamber doors; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Cunningham's architectural leadership and skill improved upon the original design by Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue so as to make Nebraska's State Capitol the "fourth architectural wonder of the world"; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Cunningham's architectural legacy in Nebraska extended beyond the completion of the State Capitol with his founding of the first school of architecture at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, where the Harry F. Cunningham Gold Medal for Architectural Excellence in the State of Nebraska is the highest honor bestowed by the American Institute of Architects Nebraska to this day; and

WHEREAS, it was deemed appropriate to honor the achievements of Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue by renaming 15th Street in Lincoln Goodhue

Boulevard in 2007 upon the seventy-fifth anniversary of the State Capitol's completion; and

WHEREAS, three of the four avenues which lead to the respective entries to the State Capitol have been assigned honorary names; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Cunningham's achievements have had a lasting impact on the physical and cultural landscape of Lincoln and the State of Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature deems it fitting and appropriate that the achievements and legacy of Colonel Harry Francis Cunningham be solemnly recognized on the eightieth anniversary of the completion of the State Capitol and hereby requests that the Lincoln City Council resolve to rename a portion of "J" Street adjacent to the Capitol's east entry in honor of Colonel Cunningham.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the Lincoln City Council, the mayor of the City of Lincoln, the Office of the Nebraska Capitol Commission, and to a descendant of Colonel Cunningham who resides in Lincoln.