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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Six different structures, located in Kaskaskia, Vandalia, and Springfield, have served as the Illinois Capitol since the State's founding in 1818; and

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WHEREAS, Traditionally, the Capitol included space for the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of State government, and by custom and practice each General Assembly's inaugural ceremonies took place in that structure; and

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WHEREAS, Only twice in the history of the Illinois House of Representatives has chamber construction or reconstruction work necessitated that inaugural proceedings take place at an alternative location; first, in 1840, when the construction of the building now known as the Old State Capitol was not completed, and again in 2007, as craftsmen diligently worked to finish renovations that would restore the House chambers to the grandeur and majesty of its first days in 1877; construction of the present Capitol was finally completed in 1888; and

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WHEREAS, A number of venues for hosting the Illinois House of Representatives portion of the 95th General Assembly's inaugural ceremonies were considered; the Sangamon Auditorium at the University of Illinois at Springfield was judged to provide the best alternative to the actual House chambers; and

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1           WHEREAS, While the House of Representatives staff devoted  
2 extensive time and energy towards ensuring that the 2007  
3 ceremonies were conducted in a manner consistent with the  
4 dignity and high standards of all previous House inaugurals, it  
5 is recognized that the event would not have been possible  
6 without the assistance and many hours of hard work provided by  
7 University of Illinois at Springfield personnel and the  
8 Sangamon Auditorium staff; Gerald Burkhart, Cheryl Peck, Joan  
9 Sestak, and Ed Wojcicki were especially helpful in coordinating  
10 the logistics of this important event; and

11           WHEREAS, The inaugural was judged by House members, their  
12 families, and guests to be a complete success worthy of the  
13 Body's traditions and history; therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
16 extend our sincere appreciation for the unprecedented  
17 hospitality extended by the University to our members,  
18 families, guests, and other dignitaries on the occasion of the  
19 January 10, 2007 inaugural ceremony; and be it further

20           RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to  
21 Chancellor Richard Ringeisen on behalf of the grateful members  
22 of the Illinois House of Representatives.