

STATE OF MICHIGAN

SPECIAL TRIBUTE

TO

JOHN CANDLISH

LET IT BE KNOWN, That as the House of Representatives begins deliberating in the newly-restored and breathtakingly beautiful House Chamber, it is a pleasure to commend JOHN CANDLISH for exemplary contributions to this successful project. The magnificent House Chamber and adjacent rooms have become treasures in which the entire state can take great pride and long enjoy. This talented individual has worked diligently on this difficult restoration and has earned our sincere gratitude.

The transformation of the House Chamber and adjacent rooms from their previous condition to their present splendor was as awe-inspiring as observing Michigan's spring blossom forth from the cold of winter. Buried deep beneath decades of wear were remnants of the glorious architectural design of 111 years ago. With painstaking patience, every detail was restored or recreated. Artisans from throughout the state shared their vast experience to complete this monumental task. The results readily demonstrate their skill, hard work, and dedication. For many of these experts, this will be their greatest achievement, as it was for their predecessors who worked on the construction of our State Capitol in the 1870s.

The House Chamber and adjacent rooms are now windows to the past. Due to the outstanding efforts of this honoree and the many other craftspeople involved, the chamber is a fully functional, modern facility, as well as a beautiful reflection of a more elegant era. The elaborate cartouches adorning the doors and windows, the decorative painting throughout, and the many other fine details that have brought this restoration national recognition are a testament to the superb work of this talented person and many others. It is with great admiration that we extend official praise to this dedicated participant in the restoration.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, Therefore, This document is signed and dedicated to commend JOHN CANDLISH for valuable contributions to the restoration of the House Chamber and adjacent rooms.

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