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Be it Resolved:

That the Knox County Courthouse is an architecturally and historically significant structure that should be preserved for its intrinsic beauty and worth as well as the cultural and historical significance. We ask that the Knox County Board perform any necessary repair and restoration to this structure so it may continue to serve as the Courthouse and seat of County Government for the people of Knox County, Illinois.

That it is in the best interest of the preservation of this structure that its use as the Knox County Courthouse be continued. When structures are not fully utilized or underutilized or forced to serve purposes for which they were not intended, they often deteriorate and are ultimately destroyed. The best way to save a significant building is to use it.

That the architectural and historical significance of this building is shared with another nearby building, Knox College's Alumni Hall. This is the only place in the world where you can stand in one spot and see two buildings designed by the famous architect, Elijah E. Myers. Mr. Myers is the only architect to have the distinction of designing three state capitol buildings, Texas, Michigan and Colorado. Mr. Myers was from Detroit, Michigan but he was an Illinois architect. Following his service in the Civil War, he established his architectural practice in Springfield. During his early years in Illinois he designed the McDonough County Courthouse in Macomb, and the famous Macoupin County Courthouse in Carlinville. The career of E. E. Myers is clear evidence for the state and national significance of the Knox County Courthouse.

Resolved: That we encourage the Knox County Board to remodel and renovate the Knox County Courthouse as appropriate so that it is preserved and functional for posterity and to register it with the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Approved by The Carl Sandburg Historic Site Association this 9th day of March, A.D. 2010.

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President, Carl Sandburg Historic Site Association