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Legislation Text

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To Recognize and Celebrate the Addition of the Hartman Building to the National Register of Historic Places.

WHEREAS, Opening in 1898, the Hartman Building at East Main Street and South 4th Street downtown has had many different uses including a boutique hotel and state offices, and it has now become Columbus' 155th building on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the building was named after Dr. Samuel Hartman, founder of Peruna Manufacturing Co. and inventor of the company's product, Peruna, a "medical tonic" intended to help with the 1905 Yellow Fever epidemic in the South; and

WHEREAS, while the American Medical Association denied Peruna a status as a medicine, Hartman was still able to make a fortune off of the company and converted the building into a luxury hotel frequented by state politicians, theatre patrons, and other wealthy visitors; and

WHEREAS, Hartman died in 1918 and the hotel closed in 1921, but the building's renovation in 1999 helped trigger a neighborhood revival in an area that now contains many popular local restaurants which contribute to a vibrant atmosphere; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby recognize and celebrate the addition of the Hartman Building to the National Register of Historic Places.