State of Illinois

Be It Proclaimed,

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2010, the People of Ogle County will observe the second remodeling and rededication of their 1891 county courthouse;

WHEREAS, the courthouse has served as the center of county government since 1841 and housed the offices of elected officials, stored county records and, until 2005, held the courts;

WHEREAS, the current courthouse is the third such structure in the county's history built to serve the people, symbolize stability and beauty, and hold watch over the safety and constitutional rights of its citizens, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places;

WHEREAS, the building of red-pressed brick with Naperville and Ashton stone trimmings in rock face design rises three stories high, 106 feet long, and 103 feet deep; and features a large square tower that was added in 1940 as a Works Progress Administration project of the President Franklin Roosevelt New Deal;

WHEREAS, the latest remodeling preserves the original doors and historic lighting fixtures while including geo-thermal heating and cooling system, new windows, restoration of the historic interior, and re-stenciling the ornate ceiling of the county board chambers;

WHEREAS, the Memorial Hall conference room salutes the memory of Civil War and Spanish-American War soldiers from Ogle County who served their country in its time of need just as current day residents serve their country to protect their liberty;

WHEREAS, the third floor mural finished in June of this year is a replication of a mural displayed in the original courthouse and believed to be a patch from a Civil War regiment; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the people of the State of Illinois congratulate the citizens of Ogle County for their preservation of history, architecture and ingenuity; celebrate with them in this memorial renovation and rededication of the county courthouse; and express appreciation for the contribution they have made through their efforts to the living history of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this proclamation will be presented to the People of Ogle County by State Representatives Robert W. Pritchard, Jerry L. Mitchell, and Jim Sacia, and State Senators J. Bradley Burzynski and Tim Bivins on the date first mentioned above as a formal token of the greetings and best wishes of the Citizens of Illinois.