

RESOLUTION HONORING JARED I. EDWARDS  
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD

WHEREAS Jared I. Edwards is an esteemed architect and preservationist who has devoted much of his life to infusing communities with a lasting preservation ethic; From architectural projects that proved historic buildings could be not only repurposed, but also reimagined with more dynamic spaces; to gentle direction of local and regional boards; and through serendipitous meetings, Jared finds a way to convince people that preservation is worthwhile; and

WHEREAS Mr. Edwards in his career as an architect specialized in the restoration, rehabilitation, and adaptive use of historic buildings, and with his partner Tyler Smith built a firm that was a recognized leader in historic preservation architecture; and

WHEREAS he provided architectural designs for such significant buildings as Billings Forge, the Connecticut State Capitol, Chick Austin House, Colt Parish House at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Trinity College's Long Walk, the Wadsworth Atheneum—all in Hartford—as well as the Exchange Building in New Haven, the Oliver Ellsworth House in Windsor, and the Richard Alsop house in Middletown; and

WHEREAS SmithEdwards Architects received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation in 2009 and Mr. Edwards received the Harlan H. Griswold Award for Historic Preservation in 2023; and

WHEREAS in addition to his architectural practice, Mr Edwards has been a leader in preservation across Connecticut, as a founder of the Hartford Architecture Conservancy, and a member of boards of the Mark Twain Memorial, Wadsworth Atheneum, Hill-Stead Museum, Hartford Fine Arts Commission, AIA Connecticut's Preservation Committee, the Weir Farm Heritage Trust (establishing Connecticut's first national park), the Victorian Society in America, Strawberry Banke, Historic New England, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Trustees of the Colt Bequest, and the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS Mr. Edwards served on the State Historic Preservation Review Board for more than forty years, from 1980 until 2024, and as chair from 1989 until 2024; and

WHEREAS during the period he led the Review Board he guided more than one thousand nominations for Connecticut properties to listing on the National Register of Historic Places;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of the State Historic Preservation Review Board, meeting in Hartford on June 14, 2024, go on record as recognizing Mr. Edwards for his exceptional service to the State of Connecticut, its historic landscape, and its citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution is recorded in our minutes.