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Copper from Dome Repairs to Benefit Preservation Efforts of the Historic Capitol

Tallahassee, FL, September 7, 2011: While Florida's Historic Capitol dome is undergoing some much-needed repairs, plans are underway for the use of the old copper once it is removed. Soon, you, too, will have a chance to purchase a piece of Florida history and aid in the continued preservation of this significant historic treasure. After more than a century of leaking and attempts at repair, the old copper will be removed, then the dome will be re-sealed with new copper and preservation-sensitive sealants. As the scaffolding rises overhead, the Museum development staff is investigating ways that the copper can be fashioned into collectors' items for fundraising purposes. Commemorative coins, collectible ornaments, and a donor wall of recognition are just a few of the plans.

The dome renovations coincide with the fundraising efforts of the newly formed Direct Support Organization. In 2009, the Florida Legislature created the Historic Capitol Foundation. Its mission is to provide monetary support, advocacy, and stewardship to promote the Florida Historic Capitol Museum and its program of civic education. Additionally, the Foundation's support will ensure the continued preservation of Florida's Historic Capitol building, a structure listed in the National Register of Historic Places for its great significance to local, state, and national history. The Foundation was designated as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization in October 2010.

One of the objectives of the Foundation is to create an endowment for perpetual maintenance and preservation of the Historic Capitol. Funds received from the purchase of the commemorative items fashioned from the copper will help establish an endowment fund. If you have creative ideas for the use of the copper for fundraising purposes, please give Development staff a call at (850) 487-1902 or send us an email at info@flhistoriccapitol.gov. Or, please e-mail us your name, e-mail address, and telephone number if you would like to be contacted about opportunities to purchase commemorative copper memorabilia.

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