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TO: Chairman Essmann, State Administration Committee
FROM: Denise C. King, CSD Administrator
SUBJECT: Montana State Capitol Rotunda alcoves HB 431

HB 431 hearing was held on Thursday February 8, a question arose regarding the alcoves in the rotunda, I have consulted with Department of Administration and the Senior Curator of Art at the Historical Society, we have determine the only reference is located in 2-17-808 (6).

2-17-808. Placement of certain busts, plaques, statues, memorials, monuments, and art displays. (1) The following busts, plaques, statues, memorials, monuments, and art displays are to be placed for up to 50 years, subject to renewal, in the capitol:

- (a) the busts of Thomas J. Walsh, Burton K. Wheeler, and Joseph Dixon;
 - (b) the plaques commemorating Theodore Brantley, Fred Whiteside, the first Montana volunteers who fought in the Spanish-American War, the construction of the capitol from 1899 to 1902, the 1972 Montana constitutional convention, and the women legislators' centennial;
 - (c) the murals by Edgar S. Paxson, Ralph E. DeCamp, Charles M. Russell, Amedee Joullin, and F. Pedretti and sons;
 - (d) the statues of:
 - (i) Wilbur Fiske Sanders;
 - (ii) Jeannette Rankin; and
 - (iii) Mike and Maureen Mansfield;
 - (e) the Montana statehood centennial bell;
 - (f) the gallery of outstanding Montanans;
 - (g) the Montana constitutional exhibit;
 - (h) the biographical descriptions of Montana's governors, to be placed near the portraits of the governors;
 - (i) a plaque commemorating former representative Francis Bardanoue and lettering naming the first floor of the east wing of the capitol in honor of Francis Bardanoue; and
 - (j) a mural honoring the historical contributions of women as community builders.
- (2) The following busts, plaques, statues, memorials, monuments, and art displays are to be placed for up to 50 years, subject to renewal, on the grounds of the capitol:
- (a) the statues of Thomas Francis Meagher and Lady Liberty;
 - (b) the plaques commemorating:
 - (i) Donald Nutter;
 - (ii) President George H. W. Bush; and
 - (iii) American prisoners of war and personnel of the United States armed services missing in action;
 - (c) two benches with plaques recognizing contributors to the 1997-2000 capitol restoration, repair, and renovation project;
 - (d) the Montana centennial square; and
 - (e) the monument of the ten commandments.
- (3) The following busts, plaques, statues, memorials, monuments, and art displays are to be placed for up to 50 years, subject to renewal, on the capitol complex grounds:
- (a) the statue by Robert Scriver entitled "symbol of the pros";
 - (b) the monuments to the liberty bell, the veterans' and pioneer memorial building--landscape beautification project, Montana veterans, Pearl Harbor survivors, and the peace pole;
 - (c) the sculptures of the herd bull and the eagle;
 - (d) the plaques commemorating the Montana national guard and Lewis and Clark; and
 - (e) the arrastra.
- (4) The following busts, plaques, statues, memorials, monuments, and art displays are to be placed for up to 50 years, subject to renewal, in state buildings on the capitol complex:
- (a) the paintings of Dr. W. F. Cogswell and the paintings entitled "burning bush", "dryland farmer", "farm girl", "the river rat", "top of the world", "angus #68", "the source", "the Bozeman trail", and "the Mullan road";
 - (b) the art displays known as "Montana workers--mining, ranching, and building", "copper city rodeo", "dancing cascade", "save a piece of the sky", and "night light";
 - (c) the plaque commemorating Walt Sullivan, the plaque of the Sam W. Mitchell building, and the plaque commemorating the original headquarters of the Montana highway patrol;
 - (d) the busts of Lee Metcalf and Sam W. Mitchell;
 - (e) the plaque and Lou Peters award commemorating Karl Oh's; and
 - (f) the plaque and memorial commemorating Joseph P. Mazurek.
- (5) The senate sculpture depicting the Lewis and Clark expedition is to be placed for up to 50 years, subject to renewal, on the west wall in the senate chambers.

(6) The council shall determine the specific placement of the items identified in subsections (1) through (4).

It would appears there one alcove available to place bust of an individual as approved by the Capitol complex advisory committee.

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