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The Missouri State Capitol is a monument to the citizens of the state. The current Capitol is the third to stand in Jefferson City. The first was built in 1826 when the seat of government moved to the city. Flames engulfed that building in 1837, but construction of a second and much larger Capitol had already started nearby. This structure was enlarged in the late 1880s, but it also burned on February 5, 1911.

A few months later, in a special election held on August 1, 1911, Missourians approved the issuance of \$3.5 million in state bonds for a new Capitol — the building we celebrate today. Here are some other important dates that mark this majestic building's centennial:

May 6, 1913:	Groundbreaking
Dec. 5, 1913:	Foundation finished
Aug. 12, 1914:	Three women and eleven men lifted 280 feet
-	in a boat to the dome, where they raised an
	American flag to celebrate completion of the
	steel work
Nov. 7, 1914:	First of an estimated five-million bricks that
	would make up the building was laid
June 24, 1915:	First cornerstone placed
May 23, 1916:	Workmen put stone cap on dome
July 1, 1916:	Original completion date for building
Oct. 26, 1916:	First formal event in the Capitol
Dec. 5, 1916:	Officials and guests formally place capstone
	on the dome
Jan. 2, 1917:	First official business takes place when the
	Governor signs a copy of his message to the
	General Assembly
March 16, 1917:	The Missouri legislature meets for the first
	time in the House and Senate chambers
June 25, 1917:	Capitol dome illuminated for the first time
Sept. 13, 1917:	Capitol Commission Board accepts master
	key and custody of the building
Oct. 15, 1917:	State agencies begin to move into the new
	building
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Construction delays and World War I caused the dedication of the new Capitol to be postponed until held on October 6, 1924.

Today, the building, which covers three acres and has 500,000 square feet of floor space, is literally a museum of public art, providing visitors with a rewarding glimpse of the cultural and natural legacy of our state. Please join us in celebrating its past, present and future.

