

Former House Speaker George Roberts Portrait Dedication



A portrait of former NH House Speaker George B. Roberts, Jr., R-Gilmanton, was unveiled during ceremonies at the Legislative Office building across from the State House on October 25, 2019. Among those present were Governor Chris Sununu, Lee Marden, chair of Friends of George Roberts, sponsor of the portrait by Stoddard artist Richard Whitney, many friends, former and current legislators and staff, including past speakers, and family. As Speaker (1975-1980) and before, Roberts was the key figure in rescuing the building, the former US Federal Courthouse and Post Office, from demolition and the space becoming a municipal parking in the early 1970s. Roberts directed the transformation of the building into an elegant facility housing legislative hearing rooms and offices. The painting now hangs in the building's lobby, christened "George B. Roberts Hall" by legislation passed in the 2016 session.

