



State Representative

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**The Capitol's centerpiece is a spectacular 272-foot, 52 million-pound dome inspired by Michelangelo's design for St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.**

**The dome is topped by the gilded brass statue named "Commonwealth" which stands 17 feet 6 inches.**

**The seat of government for the state was originally in Philadelphia, then was relocated to Lancaster in 1799 and finally to Harrisburg in 1812.**

**The current capitol, known as the Huston Capitol, is the third state capitol building to be built in Harrisburg.**

**The first Capitol was destroyed in 1897 by a fire.**

**To this day, the House keeps its main door open to the second floor Rotunda. The tradition symbolizes the receptiveness with which the Representatives conduct the people's business and the accessibility of the State government to all PA citizens.**

**President Theodore Roosevelt dedicated with the words, "It is the handsomest State Capitol I have ever seen."**