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**FARGO, ND – June 3, 2009** – The Kilbourne Group was recently recognized by the Fargo-Moorhead Heritage Society, an architectural preservation organization, with an Adaptive Reuse Award for its efforts in renovating and creating The Lofts on Roberts.

The Society focuses on increasing public awareness and understanding of historic preservation and encouraging recognition, restoration and preservation of Fargo-Moorhead’s architectural heritage. “Adaptive reuse” is defined as the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations and additions while preserving those portions or features that convey its historical, cultural or architectural values.

“We’re both elated and humbled to receive this award,” said Doug Burgum, president of Kilbourne Group. “There is an intense amount of wisdom – not to mention extraordinary craftsmanship and exceptional materials – in historic buildings. We’re delighted to help restore these buildings in a way that recognizes and honors their original magnificence while innovating within them to meet and exceed modern design standards.”

The Lofts on Roberts, located at 309 Roberts Street in Fargo, was built in 1917 as the Smith, Follett & Crowl office and warehouse. The March 20, 1917 edition of the Fargo Forum and Daily Republican newspaper reported that “the building will be a splendid addition to the city, the appearances of the front being plain, but attractive with large windows, with matt faced brick and stone trimming.”

Indeed, in its adaptive reuse efforts, the Kilbourne Group worked diligently to preserve and maintain the integrity of many of the building’s historical features. Such features include a pressed metal ceiling, large windows, corbelled brick, simplistic stone trim, an oak-encased office, exposed wood joists and beams, wood flooring and masonry exterior walls.

The Lofts on Roberts houses the Silver Moon Supper Club on its first floor and 21 loft-style apartments on its second through fourth floors.

**About Kilbourne Group**

Kilbourne Group is a collective team led by Doug Burgum that is committed to inspiring and supporting the redevelopment of downtown Fargo. The Kilbourne Group team shares the vision of retaining and carrying forward the history of Fargo through the restoration of historic buildings and the creation of new buildings that honor the past and inspire the future.

For more information about The Lofts on Roberts and other Kilbourne Group projects, visit [www.kilbournegroup.com](http://www.kilbournegroup.com).

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