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## Iran reopens Strait of Hormuz



Iran announced April 17 that the Strait of Hormuz has opened to commercial vessels following a ceasefire agreement between Israel and Lebanon. REUTERS FILE

### Trump says naval blockade to continue

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Iran declared the Strait of Hormuz “completely open” to commercial vessels April 17 – then threatened to again close the global shipping lane if the United States did not end its blockade on Iranian ports and ships.

It was the latest back-and-forth between the warring countries as the clock wound down on a delicate two-week ceasefire

Iran’s foreign minister, Seyed Abbas Araghchi, declared the waterway open after a separate 10-day ceasefire between Lebanon and Israel went into effect April 16.

The United Nations’ maritime transport agency said it was verifying whether the strait was open. U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres described the reopening as “a step in the right direction,” writing on X, “I also hope that, together with the ceasefire, this measure

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## Lawmakers censure KY high court justice

### Remarks on judge’s impeachment at issue

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FRANKFORT — The Kentucky General Assembly has censured Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Kelly Thompson for “intemperate remarks” he made on impeachment proceedings against Fayette County Circuit Judge Julie Muth Goodman.

A resolution on the censure, filed by Senate President Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, said Thompson “threatened attorneys and legislators participating in pending impeachment proceedings with professional discipline and criminal prosecution.” It also directed that a complaint be filed against Thompson with the Judicial Conduct Commission.

The resolution passed in the Senate with a verbal vote, with Democratic members voting no on the resolution.

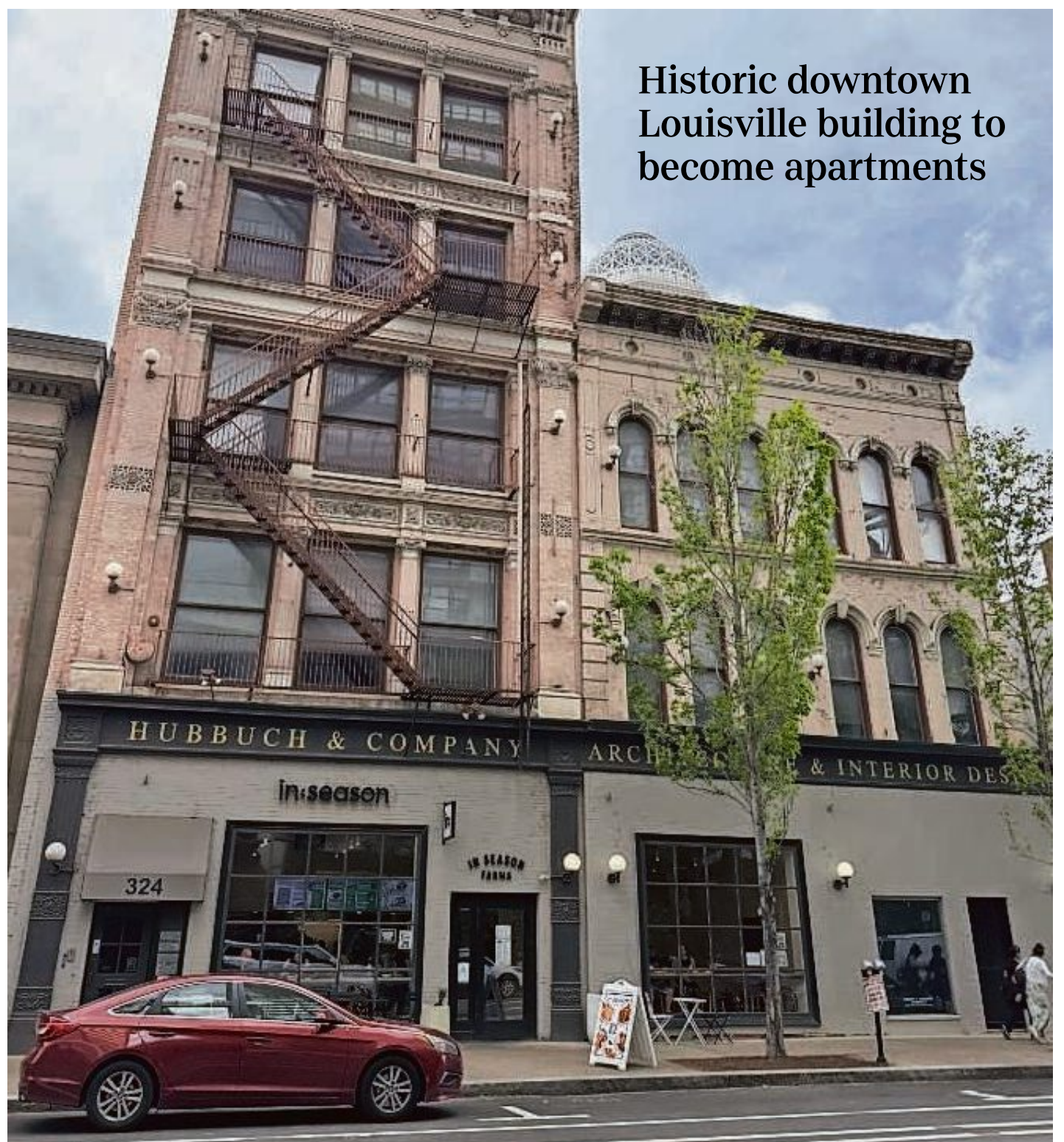
Similar legislation in the other chamber was filed by House Speaker David Osborne, R-Prospect. It passed in that chamber on a 77-15 vote.

The resolutions, approved on the last day of the legislative session, followed a Kentucky Supreme Court ruling that called on the General Assembly to dismiss the impeachment trial and deemed the case against Goodman “frivolous.” Thomson concurred with the majority opinion and wrote a separate concurring opinion, in which he made the remarks lawmakers took issue with.

Censure is a formal, public statement of disapproval, often issued by a governing body to its own members.

Democrats in the House were prevented from speaking about the chamber’s resolution by calling a motion for “previous question,” a rule in the House of Representatives that can cut off debate by vote of a three-fifths majority. Rep. Lindsey Burke, D-Lexington,

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### Historic downtown Louisville building to become apartments

The Hubbuch Building at 324 W. Main St. in downtown Louisville is set to undergo a \$15 million renovation that will bring 14 apartments to the four upper floors and expand ground-level retail at the site. MATTHEW GLOWICKI/THE COURIER JOURNAL

## ‘Better living spaces’

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A downtown building dating back to 1886 will be turned from vacant office space into apartments with the aid of \$1.5 million in public dollars.

The Hubbuch Building, 324 W. Main St., is the second project to receive funding through the Downtown Louisville Building Conversion Program, which puts public dollars toward repurposing underutilized downtown buildings.

The four upper floors of the Hubbuch

Building will be turned into 14 one- and two-bedroom and studio apartments. Per the terms of the incentive funding, two of those units will be affordable housing. These floors were most recently used as office space but have been

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