The AIA recommended 17 buildings by Frank Lloyd Wright as most worthy of preservation in 1959. At their pre-Convention meeting in New Orleans of June 19-21, 1959, the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects adopted the following resolution in response to the report of the AIA's Frank Lloyd Wright Memorial Committee:

"RESOLVED, That The Board of Directors of The American Institute of Architects recognizes that Frank Lloyd Wright was undoubtedly among the greatest architects of all time, as The Institute recognized in 1949 when it bestowed upon him its highest award, the Gold Medal of The Institute.

"As Mrs. Aline Saarinen has so appropriately pointed out in a recent New York Times article, there is always a danger that because of changing needs and tastes any of Frank Lloyd Wright's most significant buildings might be thoughtlessly destroyed. The A.I.A. therefore joins with the National Trust for Historic Preservation in recommending to the Nation that the following sixteen of Frank Lloyd Wright's outstanding buildings shall be forever preserved."

The Memorial Committee had an additional list of thirteen other buildings by Frank Lloyd Wright which were also considered worthy. The second group included the Hanna House, which was later added to the original list in the Board's resolution to make a final list of seventeen buildings that the AIA considered most important to preserve. The final list is on the next page.

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The following seventeen buildings have been approved by the AIA Board as worthy of preservation.

- 1. W.H. Winslow House, Auvergne Place, River Forest, Illinois.
- 2. Frank Lloyd Wright Studio, 951 Chicago Ave., Oak Park, Illinois.
- 3. Ward Willitts House, 715 South Sheridan Road, Highland Park, Illinois.
- 4. Unity Church, Kenilworth Avenue at Lake Street, Oak Park, Illinois.
- 5. Frederick C. Robie House, 5757 Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
- 6. "Hollyhock House", Sunset and Hollywood Blvds. Los Angeles, Calif.
- 7. Taliesin III, Spring Green, Wisconsin.
- 8. "Fallingwater", Edgar J. Kaufmann, Jr., House, Bear Run, Pennsylvania.
- 9. S.C. Johnson and Son, Inc., Administration Building, 1325 Howe Street, Racine, Wisconsin.
- 10. Taliesin West, Maricopa Mesa, Paradise Valley, near Phoenix, Arizona.
- 11. Unitarian Church, University Bay Drive, Madison, Wisconsin.
- 12. Heliolaboratory, S.C. Johnson and Son, Inc., Racine, Wisconsin.
- 13. V.C. Morris Shop, 140 Maiden Lane, San Francisco, California.
- 14. H.C. Price Tower, Bartlesville, Oaklahoma.
- 15. Beth Sholom Synagogue, Elkins Park, Pennsylvania.
- 16. The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, Fifth Avenue, New York.
- 17. Paul R. Hanna House, Palo Alto, California.