

**As Introduced**

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**S. R. No. 672**

**Senator Peterson**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Honoring the Murphy Theatre on its Centennial.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General 1  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to commend the Murphy Theatre on its 2  
One Hundredth Anniversary, celebrated July 24, 2018; and 3

WHEREAS, Recognition of this prestigious milestone is, 4  
indeed, a fitting tribute to the Murphy Theatre, for this fine 5  
facility has achieved a praiseworthy record of service to the 6  
Wilmington community. Established in 1918 by Charles Webb Murphy, 7  
the theatre quickly gained a reputation as a pillar of the 8  
downtown area, and over the years, it has hosted not only 9  
traditional entertainment but also lectures, high school 10  
graduations, and church services. After many years of service as a 11  
movie house, the structure went into decline, but a group of 12  
civically minded local residents stepped in to help preserve and 13  
protect this community treasure. Thanks to their efforts, the 14  
theatre continues to serve as one of the finest venues in the 15  
area; and 16

WHEREAS, The Murphy Theatre has enhanced the quality of life 17  
within the surrounding area, and its generous contributions to 18  
Wilmington's cultural heritage have earned it the gratitude and 19  
respect of the community it has so capably served. We are certain 20  
that as this exemplary facility maintains its dedication to the 21  
arts, it will continue in the tradition of excellence that has 22  
long been its hallmark; and 23

WHEREAS, All those associated with the Murphy Theatre, 24  
including its executive director, Maretta Alden, are to be 25  
applauded for their foresight, commitment, and selfless donations 26  
of time, energy, and ability far beyond what was required or 27

expected. These fine people have gained the esteem and admiration 28  
of many and have set an example of concerned and responsible 29  
citizenship worthy of emulation; therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 31  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 32  
congratulate the Murphy Theatre on its One Hundredth Anniversary 33  
and extend best wishes for the future; and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 35  
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the Murphy Theatre. 36