

As Adopted by the Senate

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S. R. No. 672

Senator Peterson

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Murphy Theatre on its Centennial.

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

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

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

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

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