

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

4 HOUSE JOINT
5 RESOLUTION 1070

By: Glenn of the House

and

Wyrick of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 A Joint Resolution designating the Coleman Theatre
11 Beautiful as the premiere vaudeville theatre in
12 Oklahoma; directing distribution; providing for
codification; and providing an effective date.

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15 WHEREAS, the Coleman Theatre Beautiful in Miami, Oklahoma, is a
16 beautifully restored vaudeville theatre and is truly an Oklahoma
17 treasure; and

18 WHEREAS, originally a vaudeville theatre and movie palace, the
19 Coleman Theatre Beautiful opened to a full house of one thousand six
20 hundred (1,600), at One Dollar (\$1.00) a seat, on April 18, 1929;
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22 WHEREAS, the theatre was built by George L. Coleman, Sr., a
23 local mining magnate; and

1 WHEREAS, the opulent structure with its Louis XV interior design
2 dazzled the audiences of the day; and

3 WHEREAS, from the opening day until today the Coleman Theatre
4 Beautiful has never been "dark"; and

5 WHEREAS, the historic structure was donated to the City of Miami
6 by the Coleman family in 1989; and

7 WHEREAS, the effort to restore and renovate the theatre has
8 become a "labor of love" in the community, including returning the
9 "Mighty Wurlitzer" pipe organ to its original home and restoring the
10 magnificent chandelier; and

11 WHEREAS, hundreds of volunteers have given countless hours of
12 labor, raised funds and promoted a variety of events, and in
13 addition, have formed a nonprofit organization for the purpose of
14 preserving the memory and promoting the future of the Coleman
15 Theatre Beautiful; and

16 WHEREAS, the hard work to restore the Coleman Theatre Beautiful
17 to its former elegance and grandeur has preserved this Oklahoma
18 treasure for future generations to enjoy.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
20 AND THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

21 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 86 of Title 53, unless there is
23 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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1 The Coleman Theatre Beautiful in Miami, Oklahoma, is hereby
2 designated as "The Premier Vaudeville Theatre of the State of
3 Oklahoma".

4 SECTION 2. The Secretary of State is hereby directed to
5 distribute copies of this resolution to the Executive Director of
6 the Oklahoma Historical Society and the Executive Director of the
7 Coleman Theatre Beautiful.

8 SECTION 3. This resolution shall become effective November 1,
9 2012.

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11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/15/2012 - DO PASS,
12 As Coauthored.

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