

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 March 29, 2012

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE

4 JOINT

5 RESOLUTION NO. 1070

By: Glenn of the House

and

Wyrick of the Senate

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

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

16 WHEREAS, originally a vaudeville theatre and movie palace, the  
17 Coleman Theatre Beautiful opened to a full house of one thousand six  
18 hundred (1,600), at One Dollar (\$1.00) a seat, on April 18, 1929;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the theatre was built by George L. Coleman, Sr., a  
21 local mining magnate; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22       The Coleman Theatre Beautiful in Miami, Oklahoma, is hereby  
23 designated as "The Premier Vaudeville Theatre of the State of  
24 Oklahoma".

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

5 SECTION 3. This resolution shall become effective November 1,  
6 2012.

7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TOURISM & WILDLIFE, dated 3-27-12  
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