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2022 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the Shreveport Little Theatre on the occasion of its 100th consecutive season.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Shreveport Little Theatre on the occasion of its one hundredth consecutive season of live theatrical production.

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Little Theatre was founded in 1922, staging its first performance, *The Maker of Dreams*, at the Shreveport City Hall Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, founders Olivia Allen, Opal Woodley Parten, and Julia Elstner Rogers introduced a new type of performance art known as "little theatre" to Shreveport, providing new and experimental opportunities for writers, actors, and audiences alike; and

WHEREAS, having staged live productions every year without interruption since the early twentieth century, the Shreveport Little Theatre, also known as "SLT", is one of the oldest continuously operating theatres of its kind in the United States; and

WHEREAS, SLT originally opened its landmark theatre at 812 Margaret Place on March 14, 1927, but multiple Shreveport locations have served as production venues throughout its history, including City Hall, the B'nai Zion Temple, the Woman's Department Club, the Grand Opera House, and Theatre On Line; and

WHEREAS, through collaboration with Walt Disney Studios and led by actor and director Isobel Rosenbloom, SLT became the first organization to stage live theatrical productions based on Walt Disney's renowned animated motion pictures; and

WHEREAS, SLT has staged more than three thousand five hundred performances in its first century, undaunted by the Great Depression, World War II, a global pandemic, and despite two devastating fires; and

WHEREAS, a 1986 fire substantially damaged the original Margaret Place location's stagehouse and backstage areas, and following partial reconstruction of the structure, a 2008 fire destroyed the auditorium and lobby, forcing the theatre to perform in alternate venues once again; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2011, SLT returned home to Margaret Place, opening its new state-of-the-art facility which shares the original structure's charming Rural English architectural style; the theatre continues to run at that location today; and

WHEREAS, operating as a nonprofit organization through the modern-day Shreveport Little Theatre Guild, and with the collaborative efforts of volunteers, members, crew, actors, and its board, the Shreveport Little Theatre continues to delight and challenge the audiences that fill its intimate auditorium today.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Shreveport Little Theatre on the occasion of its one hundredth consecutive year of staging live theatrical productions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Shreveport Little Theatre.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jacob Wilson.

DIGEST

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