

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 111

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Strand Theatre of Shreveport Corporation and the people of Shreveport on the celebration of the thirtieth season of the renovated Strand Theatre as a performing arts venue.

WHEREAS, the historic Strand Theatre opened to great fanfare in 1925 as a movie palace and Vaudeville house and prospered as such for decades; and

WHEREAS, after a period of decline, architectural diminishment, and closure, the Strand Theatre was donated to the nonprofit Strand Theatre of Shreveport Corporation, which undertook extensive renovation of the facility, including replicating the original chandeliers, replacing the opera boxes, and restoring the original exterior facade, and after seven years completed the work of restoring the theatre to its original glory; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, the Strand Theatre reopened as a performing arts venue with a concert by the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra, and is now celebrating thirty years as a premier venue for concerts, plays, and Broadway shows; and

WHEREAS, the Strand Theatre has become the anchor and centerpiece of the Shreveport arts district known as West Edge and has been recognized nationally by *USA Weekend* and by *American Movie Classics Magazine* as one of the top five glitziest theaters for live performance anywhere in the country; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2014, the thirtieth anniversary of the reopening of the Strand Theatre will be celebrated in grand style with a Birthday Celebration and Season Announcement Party to which the community is invited.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Strand Theatre of Shreveport Corporation and the people of Shreveport on the celebration of the thirtieth season of the renovated Strand Theatre as a performing arts venue and does hereby express its enduring appreciation to those who had the foresight to invest in saving this gem of a theatre and to those who continue to support it and its arts programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chairman of the board of directors of the Strand Theatre.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES