

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring the Morris
Performing Arts Center on its 100th anniversary.

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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2 Performing Arts Center on its 100th anniversary.

3 *Whereas, In 1922, the Orpheum Theatre chain opened the*
4 *Palace Theatre;*

5 *Whereas, In its early days, the Palace Theatre served as a*
6 *vaudeville house where Broadway troupes traveling from New*
7 *York to Chicago stopped in South Bend to perform;*

8 *Whereas, The theatre has hosted many famous artists and*
9 *actors, including the Ziegfeld Follies, George Burns and*
10 *Gracie Allen, Harry Houdini, Bette Davis, Bing Crosby, Debbie*
11 *Reynolds, Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, Louis Armstrong,*
12 *Marvin Gaye, Hank Williams, Stevie Wonder, Jerry Lee Lewis,*
13 *REO Speedwagon, The Eagles, Z.Z. Top, Aerosmith, Loretta*
14 *Lynn, Fleetwood Mac, Ted Nugent, Judas Priest, B.B. King,*
15 *Eddie Money, Hootie and the Blowfish, and Stevie Ray*
16 *Vaughan and Double Trouble;*

17 *Whereas, In 1959, the Palace Theatre re-opened under the*
18 *name the Morris Civic Auditorium;*

19 *Whereas, In 2000, the Morris Civic Auditorium re-opened*
20 *under the name the Morris Performing Arts Center;*

21 *Whereas, Today, the Morris regularly hosts nationally-*
22 *known performances in music, dance, and theatre, and serves*
23 *as the home of the South Bend Symphony, providing the city of*



1 *South Bend with cultural enlightenment, a multi-million dollar*
2 *annual economic impact, and a regional center for performing*
3 *arts;*

4 *Whereas, In 2020, a group of dedicated volunteers in*
5 *conjunction with representatives from the City of South Bend*
6 *began the Neverending Encore Campaign, the most expensive*
7 *capital campaign in the theatre's history, to improve the*
8 *theatre's aging mechanical systems, replace the original*
9 *concrete floor, and expand the building's north side;*

10 *Whereas, In 2021, the Indiana General Assembly*
11 *contributed to this renovation by approving the allocation of*
12 *the local innkeeper's tax to be used for the remodeling and*
13 *enhancement of the Morris Performing Arts Center; and*

14 *Whereas, Throughout its history, the Morris Performing*
15 *Arts Center has served as a beacon for cultural achievement for*
16 *the city of South Bend and the surrounding region: Therefore,*

17 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
18 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
19 *concurring:*

20 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors the
21 Morris Performing Arts Center on its 100th anniversary.

22 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby
23 directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Morris
24 Performing Arts Center.

