

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1024

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A RESOLUTION to honor Bill Miller.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize a gentleman who has invested wisely in downtown Nashville real estate and thus contributed significantly to Music City's incredible growth and burgeoning economy; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneur Bill Miller recently purchased the historic Federal Reserve Building at 226 Third Avenue North, bringing his total holdings to five properties and more than 90,000 square feet of commercial property in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, built in 1922, this beautiful historic building served as the Nashville branch of the Federal Reserve from 1922 until 1958; the building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1984 and still houses its original 900-square-foot vault; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miller and his company, Icon Entertainment Group, have already set a high standard for downtown Nashville's entertainment district with properties such as the Johnny Cash Museum, the Patsy Cline Museum, Nudie's Honky Tonk, and Skull's Rainbow Room; and

WHEREAS, he recently opened House of Cards, a magic-themed speakeasy in the basement of his properties at 119-121 Third Avenue South; he has also announced plans for a museum honoring Merle Haggard in the same complex, a project that will include a meat-and-three restaurant; and

WHEREAS, Sinatra Bar and Lounge, an Icon project that pays tribute to Ol' Blue Eyes, is slated to open in 2020; and

WHEREAS, a California native, Mr. Miller was first drawn to Nashville because of his lifelong fandom of and friendship with Johnny Cash; since arriving in Music City, he has helped

transform downtown's entertainment landscape with innovative concepts actualized through high-quality bars, restaurants, and tourist attractions; and

WHEREAS, Bill Miller and his company are truly icons of downtown Nashville and are worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Bill Miller for his many contributions to Nashville and its prosperous and ever-growing entertainment, tourism, and real estate industries and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.