

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 611

By Beck

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Music City Roots and the Roots Barn.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of the members of this General Assembly to commend those exemplary institutions devoted to fostering and promoting roots music; and

WHEREAS, since October 2009, Music City Roots (MCR) has featured the best in Americana, roots, and bluegrass music, becoming a nationally admired multi-media platform for outstanding and diverse music while tying Nashville heritage and American traditions to a global conversation; and

WHEREAS, the weekly live variety show, which is broadcast as a nationally syndicated radio program, featured as a podcast, archived on the MCR YouTube channel, and shown on American Public Television, was originally held at the Loveless Café's Loveless Barn event space, then moved to The Factory in Franklin in 2014; and

WHEREAS, MCR left Franklin three years later with the intention of moving into a new facility; since that time, it has held occasional showcase and tribute concerts at other local venues, including City Winery and the Nashville Palace, but has otherwise remained on hiatus; and

WHEREAS, soon, MCR will have its first-ever dedicated venue, the Roots Barn, located in Madison, which sits immediately north of East Nashville and has been the home of numerous country music legends, including Kitty Wells and Johnny Wright, John Hartford, Earl Scruggs, Bill Monroe, June Carter, and Hank Snow; and

WHEREAS, the venue, made possible through a partnership with Discover Madison, Inc., is located at historic Amqui Station and has a planned seating for 750 and a capacity of more than 1,000 for a standing crowd; and

WHEREAS, MCR will continue to be broadcast on WMOT Roots Radio 89.5 FM as *Music City Roots – Live from Madison Station*, with plans for a remote studio to be located in the Roots Barn; and

WHEREAS, since 2009, Music City Roots has been a beloved staple of the greater-Nashville music scene, a haven for diverse, exceptional talent, and a devoted steward of American roots music traditions; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Music City Roots for its many contributions to music in this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and commend Music City Roots as it enters into an exciting phase in its history with the establishment of the Roots Barn, extending our best wishes for its 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.