

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 791

By Beck

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Ryman Auditorium upon its receipt of the Pollstar Award for Theatre of the Year, the Country Music Association Award for Venue of the Year, and the Academy of Country Music Award for Small Venue of the Year.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing a Music City landmark, the Ryman Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, the legendary Ryman Auditorium capped off an impressive 2019 with recognition from three industry heavyweights, including its ninth consecutive Pollstar Award for Theatre of the Year, the Country Music Association Award for Venue of the Year, and the Academy of Country Music Award for Small Venue of the Year; and

WHEREAS, first opening its doors in 1892, the Ryman Auditorium is regarded as the mother church of country music due to its longstanding association with the Grand Ole Opry; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the 2,300-seat venue has become a bucket list performance destination for artists of every genre of music, but the Ryman still takes pride in pushing the genre of country music forward and supporting its musicians; and

WHEREAS, Ryman Hospitality, the venue's parent company, invested \$14 million in 2014 to expand and renovate the Ryman, with the addition of a café and a virtual tour as well as other infrastructure upgrades; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Ryman Auditorium hosted 282 events, including 203 concerts; among others, the venue welcomed Little Big Town, Jason Isbell, and Tyler Childers, who all performed multiple shows, and hosted appearances by former First Lady Michelle Obama, pop

star Harry Styles, and the Wu-Tang Clan, the first hip-hop group to take the stage in this historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Ryman Auditorium continues to keep the tradition of country music alive while delighting audiences with its array of artists and entertainers who take the venerated stage, and it is most 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 and commend the Ryman Auditorium upon its receipt of the Pollstar Award for Theatre of the Year, the Country Music Association Award for Venue of the Year, and the Academy of Country Music Award for Small Venue of the Year and extend our best wishes for every 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.