

# 2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 642

Offered July 18, 2024

3 Commending the Birthplace of Country Music Museum.

4 Patron—

5 WHEREAS, the Birthplace of Country Music Museum, a cultural institution in Bristol dedicated to  
6 preserving and promoting the legacy of the 1927 Bristol Sessions, which are widely regarded as the “big  
7 bang” of American country music, celebrates its 10th anniversary in August 2024; and

8 WHEREAS, the Birthplace of Country Music Museum is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and  
9 one of three primary endeavors, alongside a music festival and radio station, of the organization the  
10 Birthplace of Country Music, which has brought greater recognition to Bristol's music heritage and the  
11 impact of the historic 1927 Bristol Sessions since its founding; and

12 WHEREAS, the Birthplace of Country Music Museum employs interactive permanent exhibitions and  
13 rotating special exhibitions to immerse visitors from around the world in the history of country music and the  
14 1927 Bristol Sessions; and

15 WHEREAS, the Birthplace of Country Music Museum fosters greater understanding of Bristol's  
16 connections to country music's origins through myriad educational and outreach efforts, including summer  
17 camps, field trips, tours, online activities, and classroom resources for teachers; and

18 WHEREAS, the Birthplace of Country Music Museum maintains an extensive collection of documents,  
19 ephemera, photographs, recordings, instruments, recording equipment, and other historical artifacts relating  
20 to the 1927 Bristol Sessions, serving as an invaluable repository for the study of American music; and

21 WHEREAS, the Birthplace of Country Music Museum honors both the past and the present by shining a  
22 light on how the vibrant local music culture that produced the 1927 Bristol Sessions continues to thrive to this  
23 day; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Birthplace of Country Music Museum hereby be  
25 commended on the occasion of its 10th anniversary; and, be it

26 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to  
27 representatives of the Birthplace of Country Music Museum as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's high  
28 regard for the institution's mission and best wishes for its continued success.

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