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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 642

Offered July 18, 2024

*Commending the Birthplace of Country Music Museum.*

Patron—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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