

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 803

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Houston and Texans across the state in celebrating May 12, 2013, as Miller Outdoor Theatre Day; and

WHEREAS, Miller Outdoor Theatre was bequeathed to the city by mining engineer and cotton broker Jesse Wright Miller as a permanent bandstand to be used for municipal purposes; originally known as Miller Memorial Theatre, it opened in 1923 with a performance of *Springtimes of Our Nation*, an annual municipal pageant; and

WHEREAS, The venue eventually outgrew its original structure, and a new facility was designed to accommodate larger and more sophisticated productions; the iconic and award-winning structure still in use today was created by the architectural firm of Eugene Werlin and Associates and opened in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Miller Outdoor Theatre has become one of Houston's most beloved cultural treasures as a gathering place for the community and the site of countless free performances; through the years, it has hosted such varied acts as the Houston Symphony Orchestra, the Houston Shakespeare Festival, and Theatre Under the Stars; and

WHEREAS, Today, the theater offers more than 130 free performances of music, theater, dance, and film each year; it is truly deserving of recognition for the enduring role it has played in the cultural life of the city; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend the City of Houston, the Houston First Corporation, and the Miller Theatre Advisory Board on their exemplary stewardship of this outstanding facility and extend to the people of Houston best wishes for a memorable Miller Outdoor Theatre Day; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 1, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate