

House Resolution 1190

By: Representatives Marin of the 96th and Lopez Romero of the 99th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Marietta's New Theater in the Square; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, founded in 2015, Raul Thomas created Marietta's New Theater in the Square
3 when he acquired the historic building originally called Theater in the Square, a thriving
4 nonprofit arts organization in Cobb County throughout the 1980s and 1990s until it fell
5 victim to a funding crisis in the early 2000s; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Raul Thomas founded Marietta's New Theater in the Square (MNTITS) as a
7 family enterprise to establish an artistic home for all Cobb County and greater Atlanta
8 residents and appointed his son, N. Emil Thomas, as the artistic director; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Raul Thomas makes sure to greet patrons with the saying "Welcome Home,"
10 and Emil creates theater reflective of all humans, regardless of race, gender, sexual identity,
11 religion, age, or disability; and
- 12 WHEREAS, since 2016, the theater has produced shows such as *In the Heights*, *Moonlight*
13 *and Magnolias*, and Nambi Kelley's adaptation of *Native Son*; and
- 14 WHEREAS, as a way to give back to his community and the world, Raul Thomas holds
15 charity drives and has conducted collections for Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria and the
16 2020 earthquake; and
- 17 WHEREAS, in 2019, MNTITS received the Broadway World regional award for Theater of
18 the Year, and N. Emil Thomas was awarded Best Director for his work on *In the Heights*,
19 which was awarded Best Musical, along with additional awards honoring actors,
20 choreographers, and designers; and
- 21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this fine organization be recognized for
22 its outstanding achievements.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize Marietta's New Theater in the Square for its remarkable
25 performances and its contributions to the community and extend best wishes for future
26 success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
29 Marietta's New Theater in the Square.