

House Resolution 937

By: Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Carson of the 46th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Parsons of the 44th, Williams of the 37th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the 90th anniversary of the Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre has proudly stood for 90 years as a
4 cultural landmark and architectural gem on the Historic Marietta Square, enriching the lives
5 of generations of Georgians; and

6 WHEREAS, the Strand first opened its doors on September 24, 1935, as a grand Art Deco
7 movie palace with seating for over 1,000 guests, ushering in a new era of cinematic
8 entertainment for Cobb County and the surrounding region; and

9 WHEREAS, throughout the decades, the Strand has evolved into a treasured gathering place
10 for the community, offering entertainment, fellowship, and a sense of shared heritage for
11 audiences of all ages; and

12 WHEREAS, thanks to the passion and persistence of the "Friends of the Strand" and the
13 generosity of countless donors, the theatre was beautifully restored and reopened in 2009,
14 blending historical preservation with a renewed purpose as a vibrant venue for live
15 performances, classic films, and special events; and

16 WHEREAS, the enduring words etched above the theatre's iconic entrance—"A
17 MONUMENT DEVOTED TO THE BEST IN MUSIC PHOTOPLAY AND THEATRICAL
18 ARTS"—continue to reflect the Strand's mission and impact; and

19 WHEREAS, in its 90th year, the Strand remains a cornerstone of the Marietta arts scene, an
20 educational partner to local schools and organizations, and an economic engine for the city's
21 thriving downtown, drawing tens of thousands of visitors each year; and

22 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to commend the Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre
23 for its remarkable legacy and ongoing contributions to the cultural, artistic, and civic life of
24 the State of Georgia.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body honor the 90th anniversary of the Earl and Rachel Smith Strand
27 Theatre; extend their sincerest gratitude to its board, staff, volunteers, and supporters; and
28 encourage all Georgians to take part in celebrating this milestone and preserving its legacy
29 for future generations.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre.