

## House Resolution No. 1528

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize the Lewis Street Playhouse, in Canton, Missouri, which was recently renovated and a grand opening is planned for April 24, 2008; and

**Whereas**, the Lewis Street Playhouse began in 1893 as the Miller-Starr Opera House, which, like so many others across the country, was built to accommodate traveling stage performances; and

**Whereas**, the building was purchased and renovated by W.A. Collins and opened as the Canton Theatre in 1937, and it was hailed as the finest movie house in northeast Missouri; and

**Whereas**, in 2005, the Canton Area Arts Council began plans to revitalize Canton's downtown, beginning with the theatre, and many citizens came together, and the Lewis Street Playhouse was born; and

**Whereas**, the group applied and received a Missouri Neighborhood Assistance Grant to help with the cost of renovations, and the project enjoyed substantial community support; and

**Whereas**, now, five thousand square feet have been renovated to include stadium-style seating, a state-of-the-art audio system, updated art-deco-inspired decor, and a concession stand, and it opened for business on March 1, 2008:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, extend our most sincere congratulations to the Lewis Street Playhouse and all those involved in its revitalization, with our best wishes for every success in the future; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Lewis Street Playhouse.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Brian Munzlinger  
 District No. 1

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1528, adopted April 3, 2008.

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 Rod Jetton, Speaker