

By Representative Boyd

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring the Monticello Opera
3 House, Inc., for 25 years of tireless effort in
4 the restoration of the Monticello Opera House
5 and in sponsoring quality arts programming for
6 North Florida.

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8 WHEREAS, the Monticello Opera House, formerly known as
9 the Perkins Building and Perkins Opera House, was placed on
10 the National Register of Historic Places in 1972 and was
11 designated a landmark of American Music by the National Music
12 Council on April 15, 1976, and

13 WHEREAS, in March 1972, as the result of action by a
14 Florida State University-affiliated group, the Monticello
15 Opera Company was born, a professional nonprofit opera
16 repertory organization whose goal was to provide opportunities
17 for young performers and to restore the "acoustically perfect"
18 Opera House, and

19 WHEREAS, in December 1972, the Board of Directors of
20 the newly created Monticello Opera House, Inc., changed its
21 focus to place emphasis first on restoration of the Opera
22 House, with performances to come later, and is succeeding
23 admirably with both goals, and

24 WHEREAS, the Monticello Opera House, Inc., which
25 manages the Monticello Opera House, celebrates its silver
26 anniversary year in 1997, and

27 WHEREAS, since 1986, the Artists-in-the-Schools
28 Program, developed and coordinated by the Monticello Opera
29 House, has provided fine arts programming to students in North
30 Florida, thus playing a critical role in the education and
31 cultural enrichment of children, and

1 WHEREAS, the State of Florida recognizes the Monticello
2 Opera House, not only as one of its treasured
3 turn-of-the-century historic landmarks, but also as a rural
4 center for the performing arts in North Florida and a sponsor
5 of quality arts programs which serve neighboring North Florida
6 counties, and

7 WHEREAS, the Monticello Opera House, Inc., will
8 continue to serve as an anchor to the best of Florida's past
9 and as an achievement of both past and present, NOW,

10 THEREFORE,

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12 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
13 Florida:

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15 That the House of Representatives hereby commends the
16 Monticello Opera House, Inc., for its valuable programs which
17 contribute to the cultural education and awareness of our
18 citizens in North Florida.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution
20 be presented to Katie Marshall Andersen, Executive Director of
21 the Monticello Opera House, Inc.; Nancy Wideman, School
22 Program Coordinator; Helen Rouse, Office Administrator; and
23 John Trimble, Chairman, as a tangible token of the sentiments
24 expressed herein.

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