SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Jubilee Theatre on the grand occasion of its 40th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Jubilee Theatre was founded on June 19, 1981, in Fort Worth, by Rudy and Marian Eastman; the company's founding mission was to create and produce theatrical works that give voice to the African American experience; and

WHEREAS, The company began as a gypsy theater troupe that performed at such venues as Caravan of Dreams, Stage West, and Pocket Sandwich Theater; the troupe's first permanent theater was located near Texas Wesleyan University, and in 1993, Jubilee moved to a renovated theater in Sundance Square; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, Jubilee Theatre has focused on improving the theater experience for its patrons and has grown and earned awards; the theater came under the umbrella of Actors Equity in 1995 and is noted for producing highly regarded original musical works; the company has also undertaken an educational program in Fort Worth schools and its initiatives have reached tens of thousands of students; and

WHEREAS, Jubilee Theatre is closing its 40th anniversary season by partnering with Performing Arts Fort Worth in presenting the acclaimed musical stage production of *Southern Boys: Sons of Sharecroppers* at the Bass Performance Hall; this exemplary theater company is truly deserving of special recognition as it reaches this milestone in its history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Jubilee Theatre on its exceptional contributions to the performing arts in North Texas and extend to its artistic director and all company members best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the company as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 4, 2021.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate