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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Midland Festival Ballet celebrated its 30th
2 anniversary in 2023; and

3 WHEREAS, A local, pre-professional, nonprofit ballet
4 company, the Midland Festival Ballet was founded by Judy Coleman in
5 1993 to help bring quality dance performances to the West Texas
6 area; equipped with her many years of experience as a dancer in New
7 York, she opened her own ballet school and began offering classes
8 for 50 students; in 1994, the ballet company conducted its first
9 annual performance of *The Nutcracker* at Wagner and Brown Auditorium
10 at Midland College; and

11 WHEREAS, The Midland Festival Ballet has produced a number of
12 live performances at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, and it
13 has broadcasted its digital season on Basin PBS; in addition, the
14 ballet company has created 4 documentaries, 1 dance film, 1
15 full-length ballet, and more than 60 new works; today, its two
16 studios provide dance education to over 150 students, and it has
17 collaborated with local schools and public libraries to provide
18 free camps and performances; and

19 WHEREAS, Among its many achievements, the Midland Festival
20 Ballet has been recognized as a Regional Dance America Honor
21 Company, and it has had the privilege of hosting the Regional Dance
22 America/Southwest 2023 Festival; and

23 WHEREAS, Over the course of three decades, the Midland
24 Festival Ballet has contributed to the vibrancy and cultural

1 richness of the West Texas region, and it is a pleasure to join in
2 honoring the dance company on this special milestone; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
5 hereby commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Midland Festival
6 Ballet and extend to all those associated with the group sincere
7 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the Midland Festival Ballet as an expression of high
10 regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.