

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 898

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Dallas Black Dance Theatre on the auspicious occasion of its 30th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The oldest continuously operating professional dance company in Dallas, the Dallas Black Dance Theatre employs a diverse, multiethnic troupe of dancers performing works by some of the world's foremost choreographers; and

WHEREAS, Under the outstanding direction of its founder and artistic director, Ann M. Williams, the Dallas Black Dance Theatre strives to create and produce contemporary modern dance at the highest level of artistic excellence through performances and educational programs that bridge cultures and reach diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, The Dallas Black Dance Theatre has performed throughout the nation and around the world and is widely recognized for its creative capabilities; the company was commissioned by the Gershwin family to create a new dance production of *Porgy and Bess*, set to the jazz of Miles Davis; the dance company has collaborated with such diverse entities as the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, the Nasher Sculpture Center, and the Dallas Bach Society to craft new works; and

WHEREAS, The Dallas Black Dance Theatre will celebrate this special occasion with a 30th Anniversary Gala Series to be held May 18 and 19, 2007, at the Majestic Theatre; the company is truly deserving of recognition for its many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend the Dallas Black Dance Theatre for its history of innovation and artistic excellence and extend best wishes for a memorable 30th anniversary celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the company as an expression of high regard 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 April 27, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate