

HOUSE 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

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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.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 25 was adopted by the House on March 10, 2025, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 25 was adopted by the Senate on March 19, 2025, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor