**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MARION FINKE FEINSTEIN, FOUNDER OF MISS MARION’S SCHOOL OF DANCE IN SPARTANBURG, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER AND THE TEACHERS OF THE SCHOOL UPON THE OCCASION OF THE SCHOOL’S SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Miss Marion’s School of Dance will celebrate seven decades of significant contributions to the Spartanburg community at an event to be held on May 21, 2016; and

Whereas, Marion Finke was born in New York City and later moved to Springfield, Ohio, where she first took dance lessons before moving to Spartanburg at the age of twelve; and

Whereas, she met her beloved husband, “Speedy” Feinstein, when he was on military duty in the United States Army stationed at Camp Croft, and they were married three years later; and

Whereas, when they returned to Spartanburg after his military duty ended, Mr. Feinstein joined Marion’s father in the women’s clothing business at The Fashion until he opened his own store, which he called Marion’s; and

Whereas, in 1946 at the age of twenty, Mrs. Feinstein entered into her own business enterprise when she opened Miss Marion’s School of Dance in a room above a drugstore on East Main Street in Spartanburg; and

Whereas, since the birth of the school which still thrives today, her love of dance and the presence of the school have impacted the culture of Spartanburg and have built a family legacy in dance; and

Whereas, the concepts of dance, including timing, balance, and rhythm, apply to all phases of life, and through dance Marion Feinstein has given to members of her family and many others a set of principles by which to live; and

Whereas, following the success of Miss Marion’s School of Dance, her older sister, Betty Freed, opened a dance school in Sumter and her four daughters have owned their own dancing schools in the Palmetto State or Florida. Miss Marion taught two nieces to dance, both of whom have taught dancing for several years. Miss Marion’s oldest and youngest daughters danced with the New York Radio City Rockettes, and her middle daughter taught dance and theatre in Birmingham, Alabama. All four of her granddaughters are accomplished dancers, and her three great‑granddaughters already exhibit a love for dance; and

Whereas, after the death of her cherished life partner, Mrs. Feinstein leased an apartment in New York and spent most of her time taking daily dance classes and caring for her toy poodle, Mr. Bojangles, but her daughters wanted their mother closer, so she returned to Spartanburg where she enjoys watching every recital; and

Whereas, now in her ninth decade, Marion Feinstein’s youthful vision of a dance studio has produced a vibrant business and flourishing asset in the Spartanburg community, and the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives celebrate with family and friends the seventieth anniversary of Miss Marion’s School of Dance. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Marion Finke Feinstein, founder of Miss Marion’s School of Dance in Spartanburg, and congratulate her and the teachers of the school upon the occasion of the school’s seventieth anniversary.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Marion Finke Feinstein.

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