**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE FOOTHILLS DANCE CONSERVATORY UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS TWENTIETH REUNION AND TO COMMEND THE CONSERVATORY FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO ITS COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize Foothills Dance Conservatory as it celebrates its twenty-year reunion on March 28, 2020 at the Oconee Community Theatre; and

Whereas, Foothills Dance Conservatory is the first premier, pre‑professional dance school located in Seneca, and its exceptional ballet, jazz, and contemporary dance training is recognized throughout the professional dance community as one of the best training programs in South Carolina; and

Whereas, Foothills Dance Conservatory was founded with the ambitious objective to offer time‑honored traditional dance instruction in a variety of subjects in a nurturing environment with the type of teaching excellence normally found in big cities; and

Whereas, students from many locations travel to Seneca to take advantage of the opportunities offered at Foothills Dance Conservatory, including its spacious state‑of‑the‑art studios with high ceilings; and

Whereas, since its founding, Foothills Dance Conservatory has grown significantly. It is now in its fifteenth year of partnering with the South Carolina Children’s Theatre in Greenville to offer M.A.D. Camp. In the future, it aims to offer a year-round program for the children of Oconee County. It is also in its eighteenth year of presenting *The Nutcracker* at the Brooks Center for the Performing Arts; and

Whereas, over the years, Foothills Dance Conservatory has flourished under the guidance of its artistic director, Ginny Siano-Eck; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate greatly appreciate the dedication and commitment of Foothills Dance Conservatory to serving the people and the State of South Carolina, and the Senate looks forward to a future filled with further accomplishments by Foothills Dance Conservatory and its continued fostering of the arts community, including a proposed performing arts center in Oconee County. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Foothills Dance Conservatory upon the occasion of its twentieth reunion and commend the conservatory for its many years of dedicated service to its community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Foothills Dance Conservatory.

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