

House Resolution 112

By: Representatives Marin of the 96th, Efstration of the 104th, Kennard of the 102nd, Park of the 101st, McLeod of the 105th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Gwinnett Ballet Theatre; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Gwinnett Ballet Theatre (GBT) was founded in 1977 by Lynn Snipes as the
3 first nonprofit performing organization in Gwinnett County, providing local dancers with the
4 training and performing experience necessary for a professional dance career while serving
5 the community with entertainment, outreach, and education; and
- 6 WHEREAS, after its founding, the GBT was led for decades by several other talented artistic
7 directors like Lisa Sheppard Robinson, who nurtured the organization for 15 years; as a
8 result, the GBT produced many dancers who became notable professionals around the world,
9 including Princess Grace Award winner Alessandra James (Charlotte Ballet), Jessica Collado
10 (Houston Ballet), and others; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in 2020, the GBT and Sugarloaf Youth Ballet forged a partnership that allowed
12 for the two organizations to join forces and create a premier dance studio that now provides
13 opportunities for professional dancers and students who aspire to perform at the highest
14 levels; and

15 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Artistic Director Lori Zamzow-Wire, the GBT
16 transitioned into a professional ballet company that offers paid company contracts and a full
17 performing season; and

18 WHEREAS, the GBT performance season includes three major productions each year that
19 are performed at the Infinite Energy Theatre in Duluth, Georgia, with the most popular
20 performance being The Nutcracker; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2021, the GBT will mark its 40th annual production of The Nutcracker,
22 which will consist of 16 performances in December; and

23 WHEREAS, the GBT and the Sugarloaf Youth Ballet are based at the Sugarloaf Performing
24 Arts Center in Suwanee, Georgia, representing the largest location for dance instruction in
25 Gwinnett County.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize and commend the Gwinnett Ballet Theatre for its many
28 outstanding artistic contributions to Gwinnett County and extend best wishes for continued
29 success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 Gwinnett Ballet Theatre.