

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 634

Recognizing the cultural and educational contributions of the Youth America Grand Prix throughout its 25 years of service as the national youth dance competition of the United States.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 10, 2024

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the cultural and educational contributions of the Youth America Grand Prix throughout its 25 years of service as the national youth dance competition of the United States.

Whereas the Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP) is recognized as the largest in the world and the first in the United States student ballet scholarship competition;

Whereas YAGP is dedicated to bringing dance to the United States and dance of the United States to the world;

Whereas, over its 25-year history, YAGP has provided scholarship opportunities to ballet students in all 50 States and in more than 40 countries across 5 continents;

Whereas YAGP has provided young dancers from all 50 States the chance to perform professionally in the United States and abroad;

Whereas YAGP regularly conducts competitions, master classes, education events, and performances in over 15 countries;

Whereas YAGP has provided more than 250,000 dance students of all backgrounds with the life-changing opportunity of receiving top-quality dance education, allowing them to pursue a career in dance;

Whereas YAGP has awarded over \$5,000,000 in scholarships to world-renowned dance schools;

Whereas, as a result of YAGP's work to provide a pathway into ballet for individuals from all communities, the representation of dancers of diverse backgrounds in the United States and in international dance schools and companies has increased by 30 percent;

Whereas over 450 YAGP alumni are dancing professionally in 80 companies worldwide, including 60 YAGP alumni currently dancing in American Ballet Theatre, recognized by the Congress as America's National Ballet Company; and

Whereas YAGP has been recognized for its contribution to international dance by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) commends the Youth America Grand Prix  
3       for over 25 years of service as the national youth  
4       dance competition of the United States, during

1 which it has provided world class instruction and  
2 performances in all 50 States;

3 (2) acknowledges that the Youth America  
4 Grand Prix also serves as a platform for cross cul-  
5 tural exchanges for ballet students from all 50  
6 States of the United States and students from  
7 around the globe;

8 (3) recognizes that the Youth America Grand  
9 Prix's groundbreaking and innovative education, out-  
10 reach, scholarship, and performance opportunities  
11 for talented young dancers help support and develop  
12 dance artists in the United States and abroad; and

13 (4) celebrates Youth America Grand Prix's crit-  
14 ical role in ensuring the future of dance in the  
15 United States and worldwide by supporting the next  
16 generation of talented young dance artists and dance  
17 audiences.

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