

House Resolution 1373

By: Representative Drenner of the 86th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Nicole Mermans; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Nicole Mermans is the founding member and executive director of D'AIR,
3 artistic co-director of D'AIR Aerial Dance Ensemble and aerial dance instructor,
4 choreographer, and performer; and

5 WHEREAS, she began her formal dance training at the age of five but did not find her niche
6 until 1999, when she discovered aerial dance through an extracurricular dance class in
7 college; and

8 WHEREAS, after earning her master's degree in business administration from the University
9 of Georgia in 2001, she founded the Canopy Studio, an aerial dance and performance arts
10 center in Athens, Georgia, where she helped create a successful community arts organization
11 as business manager, aerial dance instructor, performer, and choreographer for the aerial
12 dance repertoire company; and

13 WHEREAS, she has 11 years of experience in aerial dance as well as nine years of
14 experience managing dance organizations; and

15 WHEREAS, her desire to work with at-risk youth led her to work with Zip Zap, a circus
16 outreach program in South Africa, for several months; and

17 WHEREAS, she has had the opportunity to perform and teach both nationally and
18 internationally in dance concerts, festivals, local benefit events, corporate venues, resorts,
19 nightclubs, and even joined the Moscow State Circus for their Southeast tour; and

20 WHEREAS, Nicole Mermans earned her well-deserved reputation for excellence by
21 performing with courage and precision over years of training and dancing, and it is
22 abundantly fitting and proper to recognize this distinguished citizen.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body commend Nicole Mermans on her years of dedication to aerial
25 dancing and recognize her many accomplishments.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Nicole Mermans.