

House Resolution 154

By: Representatives Carter of the 175th, Black of the 174th, Shaw of the 176th, and Sharper of the 177th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and celebrating 40 years of Dance Arts with Linda Chase; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Linda Chase has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
4 role that she has played in her leadership and her deep personal commitment to the dance
5 programs in this state; and

6 WHEREAS, she began her training under the renowned Russian ballerina Hela Slavinska in
7 Red Bank, New Jersey, and at the age of 13 she joined the Ballet of Guild of Jacksonville,
8 Florida, under the direction of a former ballerina of the New York City Ballet, Betty Hyatt
9 Ogilvie; and

10 WHEREAS, Linda has trained with the most prominent teachers in the dance world,
11 including George Balanchine, Felia Doubrovska, Pierre Vladimiroff, Anatole Oboukoff,
12 Robert Joffery, Igor Swetsoff, and Matt Maddox; and

13 WHEREAS, she attended and performed in numerous Southeastern Regional Ballet
14 Festivals, traveling to numerous states for performances, eventually attending the School of
15 American Ballet in New York City on a full scholarship awarded to her by Mr. George
16 Balanchine; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1970 she moved to Valdosta, Georgia, with her two children and husband
18 and one year later opened the Valdosta Dance Academy, now known as Dance Arts, teaching
19 all levels of ballet along with tap and jazz; and

20 WHEREAS, in addition to her many years of dedication to cultivating the dance skills of her
21 pupils, Linda also evaluates and interviews students from Georgia for the Dance Component
22 of the Governor's Honors Program held each year in Valdosta, Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, she has been invited to teach master classes in ballet and pointe at many
24 regional dance studios and to audition applicants for community ballet companies in Georgia
25 and Florida; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that Linda Chase and her company, Dance
27 Arts, be appropriately recognized upon the momentous occasion of the company's 40th
28 anniversary.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize Linda Chase as an outstanding Georgia citizen, leader,
31 teacher, and dancer; commend her on her exceptional contribution to the lives of her
32 students, her community, and the State of Georgia; and join in celebrating 40 years of Dance
33 Arts.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Linda Chase.