

House Resolution 1200

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Beverly of the 143rd, Shannon of the 84th, Hugley of the 136th, and Mitchell of the 88th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater is now entering its seventh decade as
4 a cultural ambassador to the world, having promoted the uniqueness of the African American
5 cultural experience and the preservation and enrichment of the modern dance heritage to
6 more than 25 million people across the globe; and

7 WHEREAS, after nearly five decades of visiting Atlanta, Alvin Ailey American Dance
8 Theater's annual engagement at the Fabulous Fox Theatre has become a celebrated tradition
9 during Black History Month, inspiring audiences of all backgrounds; and

10 WHEREAS, the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater has received national recognition for
11 its contributions to American culture and the arts, including the National Medal of Arts and
12 a United States Congressional Resolution; and

13 WHEREAS, Ailey II, a junior company of rising stars, provides a platform for the next
14 generation of dance artists and choreographers; and

15 WHEREAS, the Ailey School offers training to students from around the world, including
16 a Bachelor of Fine Arts program in conjunction with Fordham University, emanating from
17 its permanent home, the Joan Weill Center for Dance, New York's largest building dedicated
18 to dance; and

19 WHEREAS, in keeping with Alvin Ailey's philosophy that "dance came from the people and
20 it should always be delivered back to the people," Ailey Arts In Education and Community
21 Programs offer opportunities for everyone, from young people to seniors, to explore their
22 creative potential and build their self-esteem; and

23 WHEREAS, Ailey Extension fulfills Alvin Ailey's belief that "dance is for everybody,"
24 providing dance and fitness classes for the general public; and

25 WHEREAS, all of the Ailey organization's programs engage with Atlanta's vibrant cultural
26 community through Destination Dance Ailey Atlanta, deepening connections to
27 Atlanta-based cultural, civic, and educational organizations through diverse year-round
28 programming.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize and commend the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater
31 and extend sincere wishes for future success.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.