

House Resolution 1783

By: Representative Santos of the 117th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Keila Harvey; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Keila Harvey is a visionary dance educator with over 38 years of
3 experience in multiple dance disciplines as well as more than 25 years of teaching and
4 mentoring students in the art of dance; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2005, she founded the Gift of Dance Studio, fulfilling her lifelong dream of
6 opening her own dance school; and

7 WHEREAS, in addition to her work as an instructor and studio director, Mrs. Harvey served
8 as the leader of 7th Day Evangelism Dance Ministry with the Fishers of Men Outreach
9 Ministry at New Birth Cathedral in Lithonia, Georgia; taught public school for nine years in
10 Clayton County; and was the Co-Director of the Mt. Zion High School Dance Academy and
11 Mt. Zion Magnet High School in Jonesboro; and

12 WHEREAS, she performed professionally as a ballerina across the country with the Atlanta
13 Festival Ballet and trained at several prestigious institutions, including Boston Ballet Center
14 for Dance Education, the Atlanta Ballet, Ball Ethnic Academy for Dance Education,
15 Southern Methodist University, and the Governor's Honors Program; and

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16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Harvey has also appeared as a featured dancer on the singing competition
17 show *Sunday's Best*, as well as was on the television series *Lovecraft County* and *Genius:*
18 *Aretha*; and

19 WHEREAS, along with her staff and students at the Gift of Dance Studio, Mrs. Harvey was
20 featured on the television programs *Made* and *Bring It!*; and

21 WHEREAS, under her tutelage, her trainees have achieved many honors, including Scream
22 Tour (concert) performers, Fort Valley State University Dancing Doll Divas and Dancing
23 Diva Doll Captain, Valdosta State University Dance major graduates, cruise ship dancers,
24 Alvin Ailey camp participants, Dance Theater of Harlem camp participants, back up dancers
25 for various artists and videos, regional and national dance competition winners, Governor's
26 Honors Program nominees and attendees, and impressive accomplishments on the hit TV
27 show *So You Think You Can Dance*; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that Mrs. Keila Harvey be appropriately
29 honored for her outstanding dedication to teaching, inspiring, and mentoring young dancers.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize and commend Mrs. Keila Harvey and extend their
32 sincere best wishes for her continued health, happiness, and success.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mrs.
35 Keila Harvey.