

House Resolution 2039

By: Representative Santos of the 117<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Jelinda W. Ellis; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Jelinda W. Ellis has demonstrated a strong commitment to the arts through her  
3 work as a dancer, educator, and entrepreneur, contributing to the cultural and educational  
4 landscape of her community; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of Jackson, Georgia, she began her training in dance at the age of three  
6 at the Robinson School of Dance (T&K Studios), where she developed a foundation in ballet,  
7 tap, jazz, and pointe; and

8 WHEREAS, during her collegiate years, she began teaching and choreographing at T&K  
9 Studios and Gift of Dance Studio, instructing students across multiple dance disciplines and  
10 serving as a studio and recital assistant; and

11 WHEREAS, her competition choreography for students aged 3 to 13 earned numerous  
12 accolades, including first-place awards, judges' choice recognitions, and honors for best  
13 choreography; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2017, she was accepted into Debbie Allen's Summer Dance Intensive, where  
15 she expanded her training across a wide range of dance styles, and she thereafter continued  
16 to build her career by teaching and performing, including work with Broadway Performing  
17 Arts Center and the H.O.M.E. of Fine Arts program for homeschool students; and

18 WHEREAS, on May 1, 2019, she realized her vision of expanding access to dance education  
19 by founding Elevé Dance Studio in Locust Grove, Georgia, where she provides instruction  
20 to students of all ages and skill levels and fosters an environment centered on discipline,  
21 creativity, and artistic growth; and

22 WHEREAS, in August 2020, she was selected as the first dance teacher at McDonough  
23 Middle School, establishing a program that remains the only middle school dance program  
24 in Henry County, and she further strengthened her professional qualifications by becoming  
25 a certified dance educator in 2023; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this exceptional individual be  
27 appropriately honored during this special time.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body commend Jelinda W. Ellis for her contributions to dance education  
30 and extend best wishes for continued success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
33 Jelinda W. Ellis.