

**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by:* Smith V

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION welcoming the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (AAADT) to Gary, Indiana.

Whereas, The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (AAADT) was born on March 30, 1958, as a result of a now-fabled performance by Alvin Ailey and a group of young, black modern dancers at the 92nd Street Young Men's Hebrew Association in New York City;

Whereas, Since its creation, the AAADT has performed for an estimated 19,000,000 people in 48 states, 68 countries, and six continents;

Whereas, Since their original performance, the AAADT has gone on to earn a reputation as one of America's most



acclaimed international, cultural ambassadors;

Whereas, In 1969, Alvin Ailey founded the Alvin Ailey American Dance Center with an initial enrollment of 125 students. Today the faculty trains over 3,500 dance students annually;

Whereas, The Alvin Ailey American Dance Center offers classes from beginning through professional levels and a curriculum that includes modern dance techniques, ballet, jazz, West African dance, Spanish dance, Classical Indian dance, tap, and yoga classes;

Whereas, The Dance Center has won critical praise for its national tours and residencies at major colleges and universities as well as its visits to public schools across the country;

Whereas, Alvin Ailey, who died December 1, 1989, received recognition for his achievements during his lifetime, including numerous honorary doctoral degrees, the Springarn Medal from the NAACP, the United Nations Peace Medal, the Dance Magazine Award, the Capezio Award, and the Samuel H. Scripps American Festival Award; and

Whereas, The AAADT honors the vision of its founder, Alvin Ailey, of creating a company dedicated to the preservation of unique black cultural expression and the enrichment of the American modern dance heritage;

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to welcome the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater to Gary, Indiana, and to thank them for all the enjoyment and beauty they have provided the citizens of the state of Indiana.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Judith Jamison, Artistic Director of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

