

116TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 566

Expressing support for dance as a form of valuable exercise and of artistic expression, and for the designation of September 21, 2019, as National Dance Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

Ms. NORTON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for dance as a form of valuable exercise and of artistic expression, and for the designation of September 21, 2019, as National Dance Day.

Whereas Nigel Lythgoe, executive producer and celebrity judge for the dance-themed television show “So You Think You Can Dance”, in association with the American Dance Movement, has encouraged the creation of National Dance Day celebrations across the country, beginning with the first National Dance Day on the National Mall in 2010;

Whereas the American Dance Movement and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, in conjunction with the office of Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, will celebrate National Dance Day on September 21,

2019, in Washington, DC, at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts;

Whereas National Dance Day has captured the imagination of people throughout the Nation and around the world, and has helped popularize dance as an art form, as a form of exercise, and as a way of having fun;

Whereas States and cities across the country have been encouraged to celebrate National Dance Day with events;

Whereas National Dance Day has spread and will be celebrated this year with 45 registered, independent events across the country, and 2 events cohosted by the American Dance Movement and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC, and the Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa, California;

Whereas National Dance Day encourages many forms of dance expression, representing the Nation's rich artistic, regional, ethnic, and racial diversity;

Whereas National Dance Day features the full spectrum of dance, from classical, to popular, to line and partner dances;

Whereas dance helps improve heart health, burn calories, strengthen muscles, and improve flexibility for people of all ages;

Whereas health officials have repeatedly documented an overweight and obesity epidemic in the United States;

Whereas dance, in all its variations, is a popular form of physical exercise;

Whereas this year at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the following performers will entertain

and encourage dance: Debbie Allen and Debbie Allen Dance Academy, Tiler Peck of the New York City Ballet, Dominic “D-trix” Sandoval from “So You Think You Can Dance”, Jerron Herman, the DEA Youth Dance Program, Lisa Traiger, Jones-Haywood Dance School, The Washington Ballet, Rima Faber, Dance Exchange, Dance Place, Knock on Wood Tap Studio, Melvin Deal’s African Heritage Dancers and Drummers, Heart Stück Bernie, and the cast of “Fela! The Concert” with outdoor classes and performances; Motion X Dance DC, MYB Music in Motion, Dance for Parkinson’s Disease, Metropolitan Youth Tap Ensemble, Spilling Ink, LaBlast Fitness, Xuejuan Dance Ensemble, Candace Scarborough, MODELS INC., Lucy Bowen McCauley, Renee Robinson, Gina Safadi, Raediant Movement, and Carol and Herb Traxler with indoor classes;

Whereas in advance of National Dance Day, instructional videos are available on the American Dance Movement YouTube channel featuring dance routines for all skill levels to be performed by audiences on National Dance Day; and

Whereas National Dance Day has been celebrated annually for the past 9 years: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) supports the designation of National Dance
- 3 Day to celebrate and encourage a national commit-
- 4 ment to dance and dance education;
- 5 (2) acknowledges that dance is making an im-
- 6 portant contribution to health by encouraging phys-
- 7 ical fitness and reducing obesity;

- 1 (3) commends Nigel Lythgoe for his leadership
2 in promoting dance and National Dance Day; and
3 (4) thanks the American Dance Movement for
4 their continuing efforts to spread awareness of Na-
5 tional Dance Day.

