**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF THE LATE MARION FINKE FEINSTEIN, FOUNDER OF MISS MARION’S SCHOOL OF DANCE, TO CONGRATULATE HER FAMILY ON THE NAMING OF A STREET IN SPARTANBURG IN HONOR OF THE CITY’S BELOVED MISS MARION, AND TO APPLAUD MISS MARION’S SCHOOL OF DANCE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS SEVENTY‑FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

Whereas, it is a very great pleasure to remember the late Marion Finke Feinstein (1925‑2017) on the occasion of the seventy‑fifth anniversary of the iconic Miss Marion’s School of Dance and to recognize her at the naming of a street in her honor by Spartanburg City Council; and

Whereas, Miss Marion’s School of Dance opened in September 1946 under the direction of Marion Feinstein, known professionally as “Miss Marion.” From humble beginnings in Miss Marion’s garage to a facility with four large studios, the school has grown and continues to serve new generations of young dancers, bringing a sense of pride to its directors, students, parents, and its many other admirers; and

Whereas, in preparation for her career, Miss Marion began her dance education as a child and continued it in New York City at Ballet Arts and Jack Stanley School of Dance. She then attended American Ballet Theatre, Broadway Dance Center, and JoJo’s Dance Factory. Miss Marion later was named to *Who’s Who in American Entertainment and Education*. She also was recognized by Spartanburg County and the State of South Carolina for her immeasurable contributions to the art of dance; and

Whereas, as a teacher, she was privileged and honored to teach, and choreograph for, numerous students who went on to shine in the dance world; and

Whereas, now under the direction of Lori Axelrod, Miss Marion’s daughter, and Shauna Axelrod, Miss Marion’s granddaughter, Miss Marion’s School of Dance celebrated its seventy‑fifth anniversary on May 22, 2021, Spartanburg City Council also honoring the occasion by proclaiming May 22 as Miss Marion’s School of Dance Day. In further tribute to Miss Marion’s far‑reaching artistic legacy, a road in the City of Spartanburg will be dedicated in her honor during the week of August 21, 2021. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, celebrate the life of the late Marion Finke Feinstein, founder of Miss Marion’s School of Dance, congratulate her family on the naming of a street in Spartanburg in honor of the city’s beloved Miss Marion, and applaud Miss Marion’s School of Dance on the occasion of its seventy‑fifth anniversary.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Marion Finke Feinstein.

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