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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 303

BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Spotlight Dance Nola on the occasion of its tenth anniversary and to recognize its outstanding contributions to youth development, arts education, cultural enrichment, and the empowerment of young people in the city of New Orleans and throughout the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Spotlight Dance Nola was founded by Tai Teamer on September 29, 2016, and is located at the heart of the Gentilly and Seventh Ward communities on Gentilly Boulevard in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of founder and director Tai Teamer and assistant director Tia Teamer, Spotlight Dance Nola has distinguished itself as a premier dance and performing arts organization that inspires confidence, discipline, creativity, and leadership in young people through the transformative power of dance and artistic expression; and

WHEREAS, Spotlight Dance Nola has created a safe, inclusive, and empowering environment where youth are encouraged to develop their talents, pursue excellence, and build lifelong skills that extend beyond the stage and into their educational, professional, and personal lives; and

WHEREAS, the organization demonstrates a steadfast commitment to cultivating artistic excellence and promotes teamwork, self-esteem, cultural appreciation, and community engagement among students and families across the Greater New Orleans area; and

WHEREAS, Spotlight Dance Nola has positively impacted countless young people by fostering discipline, perseverance, confidence, and leadership through performances, competitions, community showcases, mentorship opportunities, and youth-centered programming; and

WHEREAS, Spotlight Dance Nola provides youth with opportunities for artistic expression, mentorship, personal growth, and community connection in historically and culturally rich neighborhoods, and the organization is a pillar of the Gentilly and Seventh Ward communities; and

WHEREAS, the organization's instructors, leadership team, parents, volunteers, and supporters have collectively dedicated countless hours to ensure that young dancers are given opportunities to thrive; and

WHEREAS, Spotlight Dance Nola serves as a shining example of how arts education and community investment can strengthen neighborhoods, uplift families, and provide pathways for youth achievement and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana recognizes the importance of organizations that enrich the cultural fabric of our communities while helping prepare the next generation of leaders, creatives, and changemakers, and Spotlight Dance Nola is one such organization that is deserving of recognition for its outstanding work.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Spotlight Dance Nola on the occasion of its tenth anniversary for its exceptional service and dedication to the youth and families of Louisiana and does hereby extend best wishes for its continued commitment to artistic excellence, mentorship, and community empowerment.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES