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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
Representatives are pleased to congratulate Heather Marie
McGinley, who is currently dancing with the New York City
Martha Graham Dance Company; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1926, the Martha Graham Dance Company is the oldest and most celebrated contemporary dance company in America; and

WHEREAS, In 2007 Heather earned a full scholarship in the Martha Graham School of Contemporary Dance and began performing with the Martha Graham Ensemble; Heather graduated with honors from Butler University and holds a BFA in dance performance; she is also an honors graduate of O'Fallon Township High School and St. Clare Catholic School; and

WHEREAS, While at Butler University, Heather was featured in works by Thaddius Davis, Susan McGuire, and Marek Cholewa; in 2005 and 2006, she had the privilege of presenting three contemporary pieces of her own choreography as part of a Butler Ballet tour of Eastern Europe, including St Petersburg, Russia, and Warsaw, Poland; and

WHEREAS, At the age of nine, Heather started her classical

- 1 ballet dance studies under Lisbeth Brown at the Dance Station
- 2 in O'Fallon; in March of 2001, Heather received the Diploma
- 3 certification from the Cecchetti Council of America; the
- 4 Diploma level is designed for a student with the goal of a
- 5 professional dancer, and culminates years of study of the
- 6 Cecchetti Method of training in classical ballet; therefore, be
- 7 it
- 8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 9 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 10 congratulate Heather Marie McGinley on her many
- 11 accomplishments and wish her all the best in the future; and be
- 12 it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 14 presented to Heather Marie McGinley as a symbol of our respect
- and esteem.