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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Harris Theater  
4 for Music and Dance in Chicago as they are honored to present  
5 the first ever Chicago and Midwest appearances of the Paris  
6 Opera Ballet, considered one of the world's greatest ballet  
7 companies; and

8           WHEREAS, The June 26 through July 1, 2012 engagement  
9 launches the Paris Opera Ballet's 2012 North American Tour,  
10 with their first American performances in more than a decade;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, The full 154-member company will perform 2 diverse  
13 programs, Giselle, and a program of mixed repertoire to include  
14 Suite en blanc by Serge Lifar, Roland Petit's L'Arlesienne, and  
15 Le Bolero by Maurice Bejart, accompanied by the Grant Park  
16 Orchestra in a first-ever collaboration with the Harris  
17 Theater; and

18           WHEREAS, This engagement is a momentous occasion for the  
19 City of Chicago, as it secures the City's stature as one of the  
20 nation's foremost destinations for dance and underscores the  
21 Harris Theater's role as the City's premier venue to experience  
22 groundbreaking dance; and

1           WHEREAS, Opened in 2003, the Harris Theater's mission is to  
2 partner and collaborate with Chicago's emerging and mid-sized  
3 performing arts organizations to help them build the resources  
4 necessary to achieve artistic growth and long-term  
5 organizational sustainability; and

6           WHEREAS, The Harris Theater for Music and Dance was the  
7 first multi-use performing arts venue to be built in the  
8 Chicago downtown area since 1929; today, the Theater continues  
9 to host the most diverse offerings of any venue in Chicago;  
10 therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
13 we congratulate the Harris Theater for Music and Dance as they  
14 present the Paris Opera Ballet; and be it further

15           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to Michael Tiknis, President and Managing Director of  
17 the Harris Theater, as a symbol of our respect and esteem.