

2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 197

BY SENATOR COLOMB

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Pamalor Joseph-Senegal, owner and artistic director of PJ's Dance/Art School, on the occasion of its 30th Annual Dance Recital.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Pamalor Joseph-Senegal, the owner and artistic director of PJ's Dance/Art
3 School, on the occasion of its thirtieth annual dance recital.

4 WHEREAS, PJ's Dance/Art School held its thirtieth annual dance recital in the last
5 week of May, 2016, in Lafayette, Louisiana, in Opelousas, Louisiana, and in Crowley and
6 Rayne, Louisiana, where students are taught at satellite schools; and

7 WHEREAS, Pamalor Joseph-Senegal opened PJ's Dance/Art School in Lafayette in
8 1986 and the studio caters particularly to inner city and special needs students in Acadiana
9 cities, striving to develop leadership skills and build self-confidence in children from these
10 areas; and

11 WHEREAS, the mission statement of the dance studio is "Praise Dancers for God",
12 a lofty and desirable goal to bring meaning to the lives of the students and to instill in them
13 a love of God and an appreciation for the art of dance; and

14 WHEREAS, Pamalor Joseph-Senegal states that her classes focus on individuality,
15 creativity, problem-solving skills, social skills and encouraging both self-confidence in the
16 students and providing appropriate emotional outlets for the dancers, all skills that will serve
17 them well beyond the dance class and performance on stage; and

18 WHEREAS, other than the annual recitals, the dancers perform at various

1 community events, such as a Martin Luther King celebration in Rayne, in churches, at
2 hospitals, and in schools in the Acadiana area; and

3 WHEREAS, PJ's Dance/Art School was founded by Ms. Joseph-Senegal after her
4 graduation with a bachelors degree from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, now
5 named the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and a masters degree in choreography from
6 the University of Houston at Clear Lake; and

7 WHEREAS, Pamalor Joseph-Senegal and PJ's Dance/Art School have been
8 recognized and honored by local organizations, such as the Better Business Bureau, for her
9 exceptional efforts in teaching inner city children and children with special needs, a calling
10 to which Ms. Joseph-Senegal is altogether dedicated; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Joseph-Senegal particularly enjoys teaching French ballet
12 terminology and the technical skills involved in movement which are essential to
13 understanding and performing the art of dance; and

14 WHEREAS, due to the long history of teaching dance at her school, Ms.
15 Joseph-Senegal has been fortunate enough to visit churches and to attend community events
16 watching her former students teach dance to a younger generation; and

17 WHEREAS, Pamalor Joseph-Senegal has stated that she is grateful to God for the
18 gift of being able to teach dance to students, particularly the special needs dancers that she
19 works with, all of whom benefit from the lessons of grace, discipline, self-confidence, and
20 using one's gifts to the glory of God and who live those lessons in their own lives and teach
21 them to future generations.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
23 does hereby commend Pamalor Joseph-Senegal, owner and artistic director of PJ's Dance/
24 Art School, on the occasion of its thirtieth annual dance recital.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
26 Pamalor Joseph-Senegal.

