

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 90

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor America's Clogging All*Stars for their history-making performances in the 2019 London New Year's Day Parade.

WHEREAS, after an excellent performance in the 2017 London New Year's Day Parade, the PowerTaps clogging team was asked to return to perform in the 2019 London New Year's Day Parade, with the request to bring even more cloggers back for the 2019 performances; and

WHEREAS, the directors of the PowerTaps clogging team, Ryan Rickard and Marci Rickard, envisioned return performances featuring the very best cloggers they could find; they invited seven other competitive clogging teams to join PowerTaps for the 2019 London New Year's Day Parade performances, and all seven teams agreed to join them, the resultant group claiming the moniker of America's Clogging All*Stars; and

WHEREAS, in addition to PowerTaps from Woodstock, Georgia, America's Clogging All*Stars is composed of the Capital City Clogging Company from Columbia, South Carolina; Dixie Starz from Martinez, Georgia; Indiana Dance Company from Bloomington, Indiana; JM Studios from Archdale, North Carolina; Taps In Motion from Owingsville, Kentucky; Tennessee Hoedowners from Surgoinsville, Tennessee; and Will's Mountain Cloggers from Corriganville, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, PowerTaps benefited from the talent and dedication of cloggers Hannah Auriemma, Kim Auriemma, Sydney Auriemma, Heather Barron, Pauline Brittan, Ashton Crowe, Kathryn Edmondson, Danielle Hamryka, Jennifer Holbrook, Jonathan Holbrook, Kate Kenney, Tori O'Bryant, Ashleigh Pettett, Lexi Renfro, Jim Richling, Jana Rickard, Riley Rickard, Marci Rickard, Bailey Rickard, Ryan Rickard, Beth Rickerson, Teresa Rodgers, Lisa Sudduth, Madison Summerfield, Carly Vernon, and Stephanie Vernon; and

WHEREAS, Capital City Clogging Company benefited from the talent and dedication of cloggers Courtney Baswell, Kylie Cathcart, Sydney Duda, Brandy Duncan, Holly Duncan, Emily Furtick, Lexi Miller, Haileigh Niles, Amanda Robertson, Heather Vassey, and Clay Vassey; and

WHEREAS, Dixie Starz benefited from the talent and dedication of cloggers Kinnley Coffman, Tara Holmes, Mary Knox, and Sarah Solesbee; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Dance Company benefited from the talent and dedication of cloggers Lyndsey Gravelin, Kenzie Jacobs, Mandy Nethery, Kelsey Shuck, and Maddie Wright; and

WHEREAS, JM Studios benefited from the talent and dedication of cloggers Halea Baker, Krista Caulder, Carly Chambers, Rori Dominguez, Emily George, Maggie George, Sara Beth Jenkins, Nikki Morgan, Gwen Petty, Jesse Queen, Rebecca Queen, and Eugenia Slaydon; and

WHEREAS, Taps In Motion benefited from the talent and dedication of cloggers Abbi Baber, Kaylynn Brown, Emily Chandler, Dara Davis, Bailey McKee, Makayla Reynolds, Callie Stafford, and Raeanna Whitaker; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Hoedowners benefited from the talent and dedication of cloggers Nia Ailshie, Krista Christian, Abby Hammonds, Kelly Joyce, Malia McAmis, Abby Simpson, Alyssia Smith, and Megan Wheat; and

WHEREAS, Will's Mountain Cloggers benefited from the talent and dedication of cloggers Jaden Blough, Gretchen Dom, Elizabeth Jenkins, Cheyeene Kennell, Eden Kight, Joan Mabee, Miranda Metzner, Kayla Palmer, Alyssa Porter, Jenna Porter, Jordan Rhoads, Madison Rhoads, Britton Steward, Beth Toner, Lindsay Strawderman, Marge Urbas, Emily Wilson, and Kaitlyn Wilson; and

WHEREAS, the combining of eight competitive clogging teams and ninety-two competitive cloggers into one performance team had never been undertaken in clogging before; under the guidance of each team's directors and through only three combined practices,

America's Clogging All*Stars created and performed seven different routines during five different performances related to the 2019 London New Year's Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, for the 2019 London New Year's Day Parade, America's Clogging All*Stars performed in Trafalgar Square for the press day preview; at Cadogan Hall as part of the concert series, earning the first standing ovation of the series; as part of the pre-parade show; and during the parade with a parade route routine, finale routine, and various spontaneous, unchoreographed steps during the parade. Additionally, a small group from America's Clogging All*Stars participated in a VIP performance; and

WHEREAS, Beth Petrunich Rickerson choreographed the parade route routine and finale routine to highlight the dancing abilities of all ninety-two cloggers, including large movements within the overall formation during the performance, partner turns, precision footwork, and coordinated arm and head movement; and

WHEREAS, Ryan and Marci Rickard are grateful for the invaluable assistance they received from their Power Crew, Beth Petrunich Rickerson, Tori O'Bryant, and Jana Rickard, in coordinating the formation of America's Clogging All*Stars and executing successful performances related to the 2019 London New Year's Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, because of the success and popularity of their energetic and entertaining routines, America's Clogging All*Stars were immediately invited to return for the 2022 London New Year's Day Parade; also, PowerTaps has been invited to perform in the 2021 Rome New Year's Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, America's Clogging All*Stars have proven themselves to be dancers of the highest caliber and dedication; they are estimable ambassadors of the United States and this State and most worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend and congratulate America's Clogging All*Stars upon their history-making performances during the 2019 London New Year's Day Parade, extending our best wishes for their continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.