## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 347**

Commending Nicole Rivera, D.D.S.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 2021

WHEREAS, Nicole Rivera, D.D.S., an accomplished dentist and the owner of Aldie Dental Care in Loudoun County, has created a scholarship for aspiring ballet dancers at the Virginia Ballet Company and School in Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, Nicole Rivera, who has trained as a ballerina since the age of seven, created the annual, one-year scholarship to the Virginia Ballet Company and School to impart the valuable life lessons she learned growing up to young people in her community; and

WHEREAS, with an emphasis not only on physical conditioning but on developing one's focus and work ethic, the Virginia Ballet Company and School scholarship sponsored by Nicole Rivera will foster the success of an untold number of area youths; and

WHEREAS, Nicole Rivera intends to select a new recipient for the scholarship each year and to continue supporting the ballet community of the Commonwealth through her relationship with the Virginia Ballet Company and School into the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, Nicole Rivera has admirably served the global community as a volunteer dentist on mission trips to Guatemala, Nicaragua, Saint Vincent, the Dominican Republic, and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, by creating opportunities for young people to develop their talents and achieve their dreams, Nicole Rivera has helped to make the Commonwealth a wonderful place to live, work, and play; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Nicole Rivera, D.D.S., esteemed dentist and owner of Aldie Dental Care, hereby be commended for establishing a scholarship to the Virginia Ballet Company and School; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Nicole Rivera, D.D.S., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth.