

## 2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 742

*Commending Bowen McCauley Dance Company.*

Agreed to by the Senate, August 5, 2021

WHEREAS, after decades of service to the Northern Virginia community, Bowen McCauley Dance Company, a world-class contemporary dance company located in Arlington, will close at the completion of its 25th season in 2021; and

WHEREAS, established by Lucy Bowen McCauley in 1996, Bowen McCauley Dance Company held its debut performance at Dance Place in Washington, D.C., and has since performed at venues and festivals throughout the region, in New York City, and in Germany, Mexico, and China; and

WHEREAS, Bowen McCauley Dance Company's repertoire includes more than 100 original dance works, many of which have been performed with live musical accompaniment, and the company has held annual spring performances at the esteemed John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; and

WHEREAS, over the course of its long history, Bowen McCauley Dance Company has supported more than 100 professional dancers and worked with dozens of guest artists and local, national, and international musicians and groups; and

WHEREAS, Bowen McCauley Dance Company has offered a wide range of educational outreach programs, including dance workshops, residencies, and school performances at more than 20 schools in the Commonwealth, as well as schools in Washington, D.C., and Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Bowen McCauley Dance Company's flagship student residency program at Kenmore Middle School has provided more than 175 students with opportunities to hone their skills and perform at events throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Bowen McCauley Dance Company joined the Mark Morris Dance Group (MMDG) of New York City to bring the Dance for PD research-backed program for people with Parkinson's disease to the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Area; the company was the only MMDG-licensed affiliate organization to provide these free weekly classes in the Mid-Atlantic region and grew the free weekly program to nine area locations prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Bowen McCauley Dance Company's Dance for PD classes provided healthy activity and emotional connections to people with this devastating disease and their care partners for 13 years, reaching close to 2,500 people; Lucy Bowen McCauley is committed to continuing to lead this program and has secured several art partners after closing the dance company; and

WHEREAS, Bowen McCauley Dance Company received the 2021 Spirit of Community Award from the Arlington Community Foundation for its extraordinary service to Arlington residents; Lucy Bowen McCauley has received many other awards and accolades, including the Woman of Vision Award, the prestigious Pola Nirenska Award for Outstanding Achievement in Dance, a Lifetime Outstanding Achievement in Dance Education from Dance Metro DC, and the Arlington Community Hero Award; and

WHEREAS, Bowen McCauley Dance Company kicked off its final season with a virtual event in March 2021 and will offer performances throughout the summer, concluding with an in-person grand finale at the Kennedy Center Eisenhower Theater on September 14 featuring several new dance arrangements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Bowen McCauley Dance Company hereby be commended for its 25 years of service to professional dancers, students, and patrons of the performing arts in the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Area; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bowen McCauley Dance Company as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the organization's contributions to the performing arts and cultural life in Northern Virginia.

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