

Senate Resolution 107

By: Senator Golden of the 8th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring artistic director Linda C. Chase and her company, Dance Arts, on the occasion of
2 its 40th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Linda C. Chase began her early ballet training under the renowned Russian
4 ballerina Hela Slavinska and at age 13 joined the Ballet Guild of Jacksonville, Florida,
5 dancing locally in many productions and later training with the most prominent teachers in
6 the dance world; and

7 WHEREAS, she attended and performed in numerous Southeastern Regional Ballet
8 Festivals, traveling to many states for performances, and eventually attending the School of
9 American Ballet in New York City on a full scholarship awarded to her by Mr. George
10 Balanchine; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1971, Linda Chase founded the Valdosta Dance Academy, which would later
12 become known as Dance Arts in 1989; and

13 WHEREAS, Linda Chase, a gifted teacher, has given many students an opportunity to obtain
14 a solid foundation in dance, many of whom have gone on to well-known professional schools
15 for dance; and

16 WHEREAS, Linda Chase evaluates and interviews students from Georgia for the Dance
17 Component of the Governor's Honors Program held each year in Valdosta, Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, she has been invited to teach master classes in ballet and pointe at many
19 regional dance studios and the GHP summer dance program at Valdosta State University and
20 to audition applicants for community ballet companies in Georgia and Florida; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that Linda Chase and her company, Dance
22 Arts, be appropriately recognized during this special time.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 commend Linda C. Chase for her commitment to the students of Dance Arts and the City of
25 Valdosta and congratulate this Georgia institution on the grand occasion of its 40th
26 anniversary.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Linda C. Chase.