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Senate Resolution No. 2900

BY: Senator SQUADRON

COMMEMORATING the 30th Anniversary of the Mark
DeGarmo Dance

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those organizations that substantially contribute to the vitality and well-being of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Mark DeGarmo Dance; and

WHEREAS, Mark DeGarmo Dance is a nonprofit organization founded in 1987 with a mission to educate underserved communities in New York City, particularly in the Lower East Side, through arts and dance; and

WHEREAS, The founder, Mark DeGarmo, is an artist, scholar, performer, choreographer and writer who has produced dozens of dances and directed international tours in countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, Mark DeGarmo Dance works in multi-year partnerships with Title I public schools in New York City to provide arts education, including the Partnerships in Literacy through Dance and Creativity program that integrates dance and writing into a school's curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Mark DeGarmo Dance has brought arts and dance education and programming to thousands of students; and

WHEREAS, Mark DeGarmo Dance has encouraged students in the Lower East Side to look to dance as a way to deal with their emotions, help students focus and concentrate, and boost their confidence; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional organization and its contributions to the communities it serves, fully confident that it will continue to serve as it has thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Mark DeGarmo Dance; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mark DeGarmo Dance.