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Kingsport Ballet Honored with Tennessee House Resolution

Kingsport, TN – On Thursday, May 28th at 7pm during Kingsport Ballet’s Spring Concert performance, Board Vice President Lafe Cook made a special presentation in honor of the company’s 20th anniversary. Mr. Cook, award-winning Director of Music at Dobyns Bennett High School, unveiled the framed resolution along with the state’s golden seal during the opening address. On Friday, April 24th, **Representative Tony Shipley** announced his plans to propose the resolution to the House during opening night of *Platinum Celebration*, the company’s anniversary production at Eastman. **The Tennessee House of Representatives ratified the resolution in recognition of Kingsport Ballet’s** anniversary and their achievements and contributions to the community.

The resolution mentions such accomplishments as the organization’s strong outreach program, currently in its sixth season. The program called DANCE CO has been funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Kingsport Community Foundation, the Mooneyhan Foundation, and the City of Kingsport. The resolution also highlights the organization’s commitment to excellence, professional quality productions, its strong focus on education, and its volunteerism and artistic leadership.

Kingsport Ballet celebrated its anniversary with *Platinum Celebration: Acts from The Sleeping Beauty, Swan Lake and Paquita*, performed at Eastman, April 24th through 26th. Educational performances were presented free of charge to school groups and senior citizens on April 23rd, and provided detailed educational workbooks free of charge. The educational performance was sponsored by Eastman Chemical Company and was attended by the entire Colonial Heights Middle school, as well as large groups of homeschooled families. Platinum Celebration was sponsored in part by the Tennessee Arts Commission’s Arts Build Communities grant.

Kingsport Ballet is supported for general operations by the Tennessee Arts Commission under the General Assembly and in agreement with the National Endowment for the Arts. Programs are supported by area businesses and individual donors. Beginning June 1st, 2009, the organization prepares to provide summer instruction in Liturgical Dance, Ballroom, Angelina Ballerina camps for young children, Summer Workshop Intensive for dedicated students, Jazz and more.

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