

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KEATHLEY.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

WHEREAS, Shen Yun Performing Arts is a nonprofit Chinese classical dance and music company established in New York in 2006 with a mission to revive the traditional, divinely inspired culture of China and share it with the world; and

WHEREAS, Shen Yun grew from one to eight touring companies that perform in over 200 cities annually, including St. Louis, Kansas City, and Springfield, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Shen Yun performances beautifully display the essence of 5,000 years of Chinese culture and virtues lost under communist rule: faith, integrity, kindness, courage, and resilience, which resonate deeply in the world today; and

WHEREAS, Shen Yun artists' source of inspiration is the spiritual discipline known as Falun Dafa, which is rooted in traditional Chinese culture and incorporates meditation exercises and teachings centered on truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance; and

WHEREAS, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has not only violently suppressed Falun Dafa since 1999 in China, but recently launched a transnational campaign of repression against Shen Yun and Falun Dafa, using tactics like bomb threats, spreading disinformation, and lawfare; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Congressional Executive Commission on China's (CECC) annual report cited multiple incidents of CCP transnational repression, including that Shen Yun Performing Arts "received dozens of bomb threats against shows across the U.S. and globally" and performances in Missouri were among them; and

WHEREAS, facing repression and threats, Shen Yun artists have continued to give their all, inspire their audiences, and bring hope to the world:

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29 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
30 Representatives of the One Hundred Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the
31 Senate concurring therein, hereby applaud the humanitarian efforts of the Shen Yun
32 Performing Arts in our communities and congratulate them on their worldwide success and
33 this year's 20th anniversary tour; and

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35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
36 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Shen
37 Yun Performing Arts.

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