By: Senator(s) Johnson, DeBar, McCaughn To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 97

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- WHEREAS, Alexei Orohovsky, a 16-year-old who grew up in 4
- Hattiesburg, Mississippi, won a gold medal in the 12th USA 5
- International Ballet Competition in Jackson, Mississippi; and 6
- WHEREAS, Orohovsky received the medal in the Junior Males 7
- 8 category at the USA IBC Awards Gala at Thalia Mara Hall; and
- 9 WHEREAS, "I am truly honored to have been awarded the gold
- medal when there are so many deserving dancers," said Orohovsky. 10
- 11 "This has been the most incredible experience and I am so thankful
- 12 to everyone that helped me get to where I am. It is a dream come
- 13 true"; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the USA IBC announced the list of 14 finalists.
- 15 list included three finalists in the Junior Females category, four
- 16 in the Junior Males category, three in the Senior Females category
- 17 and four in the Senior Males category; and

- 18 WHEREAS, in addition to the possibility of winning a medal or
- 19 special award, each finalist had the opportunity to perform at the
- 20 Awards Gala, which was held on June 23, 2023, sponsored by C Spire
- 21 as the "C Spire Encore Gala"; and
- 22 WHEREAS, in order for Orohovsky to be a finalist, he had to
- 23 go through three rounds of competition. He is the second
- 24 Mississippian to win a medal in the 44 years the International
- 25 Ballet Competition has been in Jackson; and
- 26 WHEREAS, the USA International Ballet Competition, or USA
- 27 IBC, is one of the world's top competitions for ballet. In 1982,
- 28 the United States Congress passed a Joint resolution designating
- 29 Jackson, Mississippi, as the official home of the USA
- 30 International Ballet Competition. Competitions occur every four
- 31 years in Olympic style; and
- 32 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize a young
- 33 Mississippi citizen whose incredible artistic talent has brought
- 34 honor to his community, to the State of Mississippi, and to the
- 35 United States:
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
- 37 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Alexei
- 38 Orohovsky of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, for winning a gold medal in
- 39 the 12th USA International Ballet Competition held in Jackson,
- 40 Mississippi, and extend the best wishes of the Mississippi Senate
- 41 for future competition success.

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
- 43 Alexei Orohovsky and his family, forwarded to the Board of
- 44 Directors of the USA IBC and made available to the Capitol Press
- 45 Corps.