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Dear Members of the Grown Women Dance Collective,

While I am unable to join you today, I am delighted to offer my sincere congratulations as you celebrate Juneteenth with a dance performance entitled, "Fallen Heroes, Rising Stars, A Juneteenth Celebration Through Dance."

Since 1999 the Grown Women Dance Collective (GWDC) has provided a platform for retired professional dancers to bridge the gap between generations and cultures. By communicating your message through dance you have utilized a near universal form of expression as a means of transcending language and social barriers.

Juneteenth was a day in history that forever changed the lives of thousands of American's in 1865 and continues to have an impact on current and future generations. Using the subject of Juneteenth in your upcoming performance, you will no doubt captivate the audience while commemorating a momentous period of our nation's history. And, I am certain you will display the spirit of emancipation and strength as you take the stage.

Again, I am pleased to have this opportunity to join with the Grown Woman Dance Collection and the community in saluting your accomplishments and wish you success for your future performances.

Sincerely,

George Miller
Member of Congress
7th District of California