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(EMERGENCY) FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 702

H. P. 555 House of Representatives, February 22, 1979 Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Marshall of Millinocket. Cosponsor: Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Appropriating \$1,500 for the Pink Panthers of Millinocket to Represent Maine in the Cherry Blossom Festival.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Pink Panthers Drill Team of Millinocket was selected in November, 1978, to participate in the Cherry Blossom Festival Parade in Washington, D.C., which will be held in April, 1979; and

Whereas, it is estimated that the cost of their attendance at this parade will be about \$9,000 and the team will be able to raise about half of that amount; and

Whereas, it is the intent of this Act to appropriate \$1,500 to help enable participation in this parade by the Pink Panthers Drill Team; and

Whereas, this appropriation must be made before April, 1979, a date which will fall before the normal effective date of nonemergency Acts passed by the first regular session of the 109th Legislature; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following

legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Pink Panthers Drill Team of Millinocket; appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Pink Panthers Drill Team of Millinocket the sum of \$1,500 to be used by the drill team and its staff to defray expenses incurred in participating in the 1979 Cherry Blossom Festival Parade to be held in Washington, D.C.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill appropriates \$1,500 to the Pink Panthers Drill Team of Millinocket to help them participate in the 1979 Cherry Blossom Festival Parade to be held in Washington, D.C. The team, through its own efforts, will raise the remainder needed.

The Pink Panthers Drill Team is a private group, not connected with any public school, which has been chosen for the high honor of participating in this national celebration.