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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
COMMENDING JON AND ANDREW ERWIN.

WHEREAS, Jon and Andrew Erwin are filmmakers from
the State of Alabama, growing up in Montevallo; and

WHEREAS, they have enjoyed a highly successful media
career beginning in homeschool 18 years ago; and

WHEREAS, they have experienced 10 years of
impressive camera work for ABC, NBC, and ESPN Sports; and

WHEREAS, they launched their movie-making career
with the well-received promotional video for the American
Village called "The Spirit of Liberty"; and

WHEREAS, they received national attention for their
work by winning the Heartland Film Festival in 2005 for their
documentary, "The Cross and the Towers"; and

WHEREAS, they have won respect and applause in
contemporary Christian music for their work in music videos,
winning four Dove Awards from the Gospel Music Association;
and

WHEREAS, they have achieved a lifelong dream of
making a motion picture in their home state of Alabama,
writing, producing, and directing the highly successful
feature-length motion picture, "OctoberBaby"; and

1 WHEREAS, "OctoberBaby" was made at various locations
2 throughout the State of Alabama including Birmingham, Mobile,
3 Dauphin Island, Pelham, and Alabaster, and the movie
4 prominently featured Samford University, St. Paul's Cathedral,
5 and the Alabama Theater in Birmingham; and

6 WHEREAS, the movie featured actors such as John
7 Schneider, Rachel Hendrix, Jasmine Guy, Chris Sligh, Jason
8 Burkey, Colleen Trusler, Austin Johnson, and hundreds of
9 extras from throughout the State of Alabama; and

10 WHEREAS, the movie presented the celebration of
11 life, redemption, and forgiveness throughout the story line;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, "OctoberBaby" won the Red Rock Film
14 Festival in Utah; and

15 WHEREAS, the movie was shown in more than 200 major
16 cities throughout the United States through distribution of
17 Provident Films of Nashville, Tennessee, and Samuel Goldwyn
18 Films of Hollywood, California; and

19 WHEREAS, the movie has won widespread national
20 acclaim through support and endorsement from faith and family
21 organizations including Focus on the Family, Family Life
22 Today, the American Family Association, CareNet, Concerned
23 Women of America, Hope for Orphans, and many others; and

1 WHEREAS, the movie has touched the heart of the
2 nation and established a standard of excellence in family
3 faith motion pictures; and

4 WHEREAS, the movie has brought applause and
5 favorable attention to the State of Alabama; now therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we commend Jon and Andrew
8 Erwin and the entire film crew for their production of the
9 wonderful motion picture, "OctoberBaby," and we praise their
10 efforts to present a positive message of redemption and
11 forgiveness for our nation, and we applaud the beautiful
12 presentation of our State of Alabama to a watching world.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
14 resolution be provided to Jon and Andrew Erwin in admiration
15 and appreciation of their well-deserved success, along with
16 best wishes in future endeavors.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 16-FEB-12.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate

28-FEB-12

Adopted