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3 By Representative Hill  
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8 COMMENDING JON AND ANDREW ERWIN.

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 WHEREAS, they have achieved a lifelong dream of  
27 making a motion picture in their home state of Alabama,

1 writing, producing, and directing the highly successful  
2 feature-length motion picture, "OctoberBaby"; and

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, "OctoberBaby" won the Red Rock Film  
16 Festival in Utah; and

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

21 WHEREAS, the movie has won widespread national  
22 acclaim through support and endorsement from faith and family  
23 organizations including Focus on the Family, Family Life  
24 Today, the American Family Association, CareNet, Concerned  
25 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.