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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, One of Hollywood's boldest new talents in film  
2 directing, Texas native John Lee Hancock is taking on an exciting  
3 chapter in Texas history with his direction of the epic motion  
4 picture *Alamo*; and

5           WHEREAS, An attorney with an intense passion for creative  
6 writing, Mr. Hancock worked for three years at a Houston law firm  
7 after earning his undergraduate and law degrees from Baylor  
8 University; his affinity for the arts inspired him to join  
9 Fountainhead Theatre Company and to cofound Legal Aliens Theatre  
10 Company with Brandon Lee in Los Angeles, and he soon left his legal  
11 career behind; and

12           WHEREAS, This prolific playwright and screenwriter wrote and  
13 directed the plays *Full-Fed Beast*, *Riff for Emily*, and *Ten to*  
14 *Midnight* during his tenure with Legal Aliens Theatre Company; his  
15 original screenplay *A Perfect World*, which starred Clint Eastwood,  
16 Kevin Costner, and Laura Dern, was filmed in and around Austin in  
17 the early 1990s, and his adaptation of John Berendt's popular  
18 bestseller *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* earned him  
19 additional acclaim; and

20           WHEREAS, Mr. Hancock's big-screen directorial debut, the  
21 real-life sports drama *The Rookie*, was a critical and box-office  
22 success that has propelled him to a new level in the Hollywood  
23 hierarchy; no stranger to the small screen either, he created,  
24 produced, and directed episodes of the CBS drama *L.A. Doctors* and

1 served as executive producer of the crime drama *Falcone*; he also  
2 coproduced the fine family film *My Dog Skip*; and

3 WHEREAS, John Lee Hancock has successfully achieved his dream  
4 of making movies and entertaining people, and this Texas City  
5 native has made significant contributions to the continued  
6 development of the Lone Star State's motion picture and  
7 entertainment industry by filming on location in Texas; he is an  
8 inspiration to his family, friends, and colleagues, and his  
9 retelling of the story of the Alamo will undoubtedly bring to life  
10 the sacrifice of those who lost their lives in this defining moment  
11 in Texas history; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby commend John Lee Hancock for his dedication to  
14 retelling the historic story of the Alamo and for his enthusiastic  
15 support of the Lone Star State's motion picture industry, and  
16 extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his  
17 endeavors; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Mr. Hancock as an expression of high regard by the  
20 Texas House of Representatives.