

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 428

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Hancock's big screen directorial debut, the real-life sports drama *The Rookie*, was a critical and box-office success that has propelled him to a new level in the Hollywood hierarchy; no stranger to the small screen either, he created, produced, and directed episodes of the CBS drama *L.A. Doctors* and served as executive producer of the crime drama *Falcone*; he also coproduced the fine family film *My Dog Skip*; and

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

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

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Hancock as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 24, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate