

By: Bolton

H.R. No. 1712

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Austin native Benjamin McKenzie is quickly
2 establishing himself as one of our country's most promising actors
3 with his impressive accomplishments on the big and silver screens;
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5 WHEREAS, An alumnus of Austin High School and the University
6 of Virginia, where he graduated with a degree in economics and
7 foreign relations, Mr. McKenzie earned national recognition for his
8 portrayal of Ryan Atwood in the iconic series *The O.C.*; he also
9 starred in the critically acclaimed independent film *Junebug* and
10 will be seen in the upcoming thriller *88 Minutes* alongside Al
11 Pacino; and

12 WHEREAS, Before taking Hollywood by storm, Mr. McKenzie honed
13 his craft in the theatre; he had roles in a number of productions at
14 the Williamstown Theatre Festival, including *Street Scene* and *The*
15 *Blue Bird*, parts in the University of Virginia's *Measure for*
16 *Measure* and *Zoo Story*, and work in the off-Broadway play *Life is a*
17 *Dream* in New York City; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. McKenzie has achieved considerable success in
19 his 28 years, and the Lone Star State is proud to claim this
20 talented native son as one of its own; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
22 Legislature hereby congratulate Benjamin McKenzie on his
23 achievements in the entertainment industry and extend to him best
24 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Mr. McKenzie as an expression of high regard by the
3 Texas House of Representatives.