

By: Representative Aldridge

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 43

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AUSTIN HALEY UPON WINNING THE 2007
2 BEST SHORT FILM AWARD AT THE MAGNOLIA FILM FESTIVAL.

3 WHEREAS, Austin Haley, owner of Little Bo Productions, has
4 been awarded the 2007 Magnolia Film Festival's "Best Short Film"
5 award for his works on the production of "Katrina's Wake"; and

6 WHEREAS, the Magnolia Film Festival was created in 1997 by
7 Ron Tibbet, who was searching for festivals to enter his own film,
8 "Swept Off My Feet," when he came to Mississippi and since there
9 wasn't a festival in existence, he created one; and

10 WHEREAS, now 10 years in the making, the Magnolia Film
11 Festival is nationally known and recognized in the independent
12 film industry as a leading independent film festival; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Haley was sought out in 2006 by Kathilynn
14 Phillips of Pennsylvania during Tupelo's Film Festival, after
15 contacting Pat Rasberry, who in turn recommended him to assist in
16 the production of a short movie on Hurricane Katrina and the
17 devastation left behind; and

18 WHEREAS, Little Bo Productions and Cat Scratch Films united
19 to produce the award winning short film, "Katrina's Wake," taking
20 two days to recreate the set, three days of filming in Tupelo,
21 Mississippi, and 36 days of editing and creating the music for the
22 soundtrack; and

23 WHEREAS, thus far, in addition to winning the 2007 "Best
24 Short Film" award in the Magnolia Film Festival, Mr. Haley's work
25 received honorable mention in 2006 for "Best Editing" at the Rhode
26 Island Film International Festival and was picked at the Activist

27 Film Festival in Los Angeles to premiere before a feature film at
28 the Egyptian Theatre; and

29 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
30 recognize and commend excellence of such remarkable individuals
31 and businesses that shed much positive insight into the wealth of
32 talent Mississippi has to offer such as Mr. Haley and Little Bo
33 Productions, which hopes to engage more projects in the state as a
34 means of attracting more support and fostering a stream of income
35 for the state and local businesses:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
37 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
38 commend and congratulate Austin Haley, owner of Little Bo
39 Productions, upon receiving the 2007 Magnolia Film Festival's
40 "Best Short Film" award for his works on the production of
41 "Katrina's Wake."

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
43 furnished to Mr. Austin Haley and to the members of the Capitol
44 Press Corps.