

By: Representative Bain

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 32

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CINEMATIC SUCCESS OF RUNNING WILD
2 FILMS FOR THE WORK DONE IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

3 WHEREAS, committed to developing local cinema around the
4 United States with mass appeal to an international audience,
5 Running Wild Films, the 2010 brainchild of Travis Mills and
6 retired film professor and playwright Gus Edwards, which
7 materialized in Arizona, has expanded its cinematographical
8 footprint in Mississippi and Colorado; and

9 WHEREAS, aimed to relay great novelesque stories at a quick
10 pace without breaking the bank or raiding the metaphorical
11 coffers, Running Wild Films, to its credit, has produced over 100
12 short-film projects and more than 10 feature-length films,
13 including *Durant's Never Closes*, *Don't Come Around Here* and *Bride*
14 *of Violence*; and

15 WHEREAS, 2016 saw the completion of Running Wild Films' first
16 feature film in the South, *Porches and Private Eyes*, a
17 mystery/comedy set against the quaint backdrop of "A Home Seeker's
18 Paradise" Brookhaven, Mississippi, which paved the road for the



19 productions of three more Mississippi-based feature presentations
20 over the course of two years, including *Blood Country* and
21 *Cornbread Cosa Nostra*; and

22 WHEREAS, the latter two Mississippi productions provide a
23 snapshot of a Mississippi not typically portrayed in mainstream
24 cinema by exploring the state's rich and thought-provoking
25 history; and

26 WHEREAS, poised to continue the development of new projects,
27 Running Wild Films' goal remains constant . . . "to tell good
28 stories in a fast and affordable way, to encourage film in local
29 communities and to promote a sustainable independent film movement
30 around the United States"; and

31 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
32 recognize the success of cinematic production companies like
33 Running Wild Films, which has given the nation and world a new
34 perspective on the limitless wealth of star talent and picturesque
35 locales wrapped in Mississippi's hidden treasure of untapped
36 writers, actors and producers:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
38 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
39 commend the cinematic success of Running Wild Films for the work
40 done in the State of Mississippi, and extend best wishes to
41 co-founders Travis Mills and Gus Edwards for continued success in
42 all their future endeavors.



43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
44 furnished to Travis Mills and Gus Edwards on behalf of Running
45 Wild Films and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

