

House Resolution 1998

By: Representatives Mills of the 67th, Post 2, Westmoreland of the 86th, Coan of the 67th, Post 1, Brown of the 89th, Richardson of the 26th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Mel Gibson and "The Passion of the Christ"; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mel Gibson is an outstanding actor who has received both popular and critical
3 acclaim for his work in numerous motion pictures; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he is also a dedicated Christian who is committed to his faith and has a desire
5 to share his faith with others in ways that will touch and move them; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in order to present the essence of his Christian beliefs in a powerful and moving
7 format, he personally financed, produced, and directed the motion picture "The Passion of
8 the Christ"; and
- 9 WHEREAS, "The Passion of the Christ" depicts in graphic detail the last 12 hours in the life
10 of Jesus Christ; and
- 11 WHEREAS, "The Passion of the Christ" has been phenomenally successful, grossing over
12 \$330 million since its opening in late February 2004; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the impact of this incredible motion picture can be seen in the effect that it has
14 had on the individuals that have viewed it with the news media reporting almost daily since
15 the motion picture opened about the many people who, after seeing the motion picture,
16 renewed their commitment to their faith with a new intensity, repented of past bad conduct
17 and sought forgiveness, and even confessed to crimes that they had committed; and
- 18 WHEREAS, many observers of the Hollywood motion picture industry have stated that this
19 motion picture will change the way that Hollywood does business and will have a long and
20 lasting impact on the motion picture industry; and

1 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that Mel Gibson be recognized for being so committed
2 to sharing his faith with the world that he risked his own personal fame and fortune to make
3 this motion picture and for making a profoundly powerful and exceptional motion picture
4 that will be remembered as one of the greatest and most significant motion pictures in
5 history.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body commend Mel Gibson on the making of "The Passion of the
8 Christ" and extend to him their best wishes for future success and continued health and
9 happiness.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mel Gibson.