

House Resolution 418

By: Representatives Drenner of the 86th, Sinkfield of the 60th, Mosby of the 90th, Lucas of the 139th, Holmes of the 61st, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Tyler Perry and inviting "Madea in the House"; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, no one has made a more indelible imprint on black filmmaking in the past few
3 years than Tyler Perry; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Tyler Perry bought the warehouse that used to be Atlanta Stage Works in June
5 of 2006 to house Tyler Perry Studios, the first independent movie studio of its size in
6 Georgia which he, not some Hollywood studio, owns outright; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Tyler Perry moved to Atlanta in 1992 and has stated that he failed at nearly
8 everything he tried - from selling cars to writing plays - until 1998 when a gospel musical
9 he wrote *I Know I Have Been Changed*, became a hit; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he then toured relentlessly, until his character Madea became a hugely popular
11 figure in the African American community and he was hanging out with the likes of Oprah
12 Winfrey and Bill Cosby; and
- 13 WHEREAS, his play, *What's Done in the Dark*, which applies strong Christian messages and
14 traditional values to contemporary social values, has had a run at the Fox Theatre; and
- 15 WHEREAS, his movie *Madea's Family Reunion* debuted at No. 1 at the box office in
16 February of 2006, and in April of 2006 his Madea book *Don't Make a Black Woman Take
17 Off Her Earrings* also debuted at the top spot; and
- 18 WHEREAS, this talented actor, comedian, author, playwright, entrepreneur, and citizen of
19 Georgia deserves much praise and recognition for following his dreams and for all of his
20 many accomplishments.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body recognize Tyler Perry for his outstanding talent and many
3 accomplishments, express their gratitude for his contributions to Atlanta and the State of
4 Georgia, and extend their sincerest best wishes for continued success.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tyler Perry and Madea are hereby invited to appear
6 before the House of Representatives at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the
7 House for the purposes of being recognized by the House and receiving an appropriate copy
8 of this resolution.