

House Resolution 2086

By: Representatives Heard of the 114th, McKillip of the 115th, and Smith of the 113th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Robert Osborne’s Classic Film Festival; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Robert Osborne’s Classic Film Festival is an annual nonprofit event of the
3 University of Georgia’s Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the fourth annual Robert Osborne’s Classic Film Festival will be held April 10
5 through 13, 2008, at the Classic Center in Athens, Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Robert Osborne, the prime time host of Turner Classic Movies and columnist
7 for *The Hollywood Reporter*, has selected eight classic films that, according to Osborne,
8 represent the breadth and variety of Hollywood, independent, and international classic
9 cinema from the 1930’s to the 1990’s; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the movies in the festival have been selected to thrill the local audiences and
11 include *Young Frankenstein*, *Notorious*, *Journey to the Center of the Earth*, *African Queen*,
12 *Lawrence of Arabia*, *What’s Eating Gilbert Grape?*, *The Way We Were*, and *The King and*
13 *I*; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Nate Kohn, festival director and associate professor of telecommunications in
15 the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, is excited by this list of films
16 and most pleased that Mr. Osborne has gotten to know and love Athens; and
- 17 WHEREAS, for the three and one-half day festival, the 2,000 seat Classic Center Theatre
18 will be transformed into a world class movie palace with the installation of a 60 foot motion
19 picture screen and state-of-the-art 35mm projection and sound systems and most prints will
20 be pristine archival 35mm prints from many of the major studios; and

1 WHEREAS, many of the films at this unique festival are those that have been seen before,
2 but all are definitely worth a trip to the Classic Center for the viewing on a mammoth screen
3 in a communal experience; and

4 WHEREAS, the festival will feature a panel discussion hosted by Mr. Osborne and panelists
5 will include University of Georgia scholars, festival guests, artists, critics, and others with
6 topics relating to the classic festival films and their various influences.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 this body recognizes and commends Robert Osborne's Classic Film Festival in Athens,
9 Georgia.

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 festival director Nate Kohn.