

Senate Resolution 129

By: Senator Butterworth of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia debut of a feature film, *Milltown Pride*; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, *Milltown Pride* is a feature film depicting textile and industrial league baseball
4 in the 1920s and the sport's lasting impact on athletic lore; and

5 WHEREAS, the film features the legendary athletic exploits of young men as competitors
6 in the industrial mill leagues across the Southeast, depicting that industrial and labor
7 competitions extended well beyond the walls of a textile or manufacturing plant; and

8 WHEREAS, mill towns dotted the landscape of this country because of the abundance of
9 willing labor, rail transport, apparel markets, and the nation's rise as a world leader in
10 manufacturing; and

11 WHEREAS, textile mill teams competed for workers and for victories on the baseball
12 diamonds of these mill towns; as every town had a mill, every mill had a team; and

13 WHEREAS, Unusual Films of Bob Jones University created, wrote, cast, filmed, directed,
14 and debuted *Milltown Pride* in 2011 as the story of a privileged youth who leaves his family
15 and secure life, goes to work in a textile mill as the only path to pro baseball, and becomes
16 the rising star of a mill league team; and

17 WHEREAS, *Milltown Pride* was primarily filmed at the famed baseball field of Habersham
18 Mill in Demorest, Georgia, where 125 extras came into the film with the professional cast
19 of 98; and

20 WHEREAS, the film depicts 25 antique vehicles, 25 custom period-style wood bats,
21 secondhand overalls, and local scenery of northeast Georgia throughout the 36 hours of film
22 shot; and

23 WHEREAS, Georgia is the home of many feature films which today generate \$1.3 billion
24 in economic activity for the state; and

25 WHEREAS, Unusual Films, the hospitality of the people of Demorest, the vibrant film
26 industry of Georgia, and the legions of players who ventured onto the baseball diamonds as
27 players in the industrial league baseball games of yesteryear made this great film possible.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 recognize the debut of *Milltown Pride* and commend Unusual Films for their remarkable
30 depiction of the mill town era and its connection to the history of baseball.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Unusual Films.