

## House Resolution 366

By: Representative Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Hal Needham and inviting him to be recognized by the House of  
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Hal Needham has filmed all or part of seven feature films in Georgia,  
4 worked on 4,500 television episodes and 310 feature films as a stuntman, and directed ten  
5 features, including classics *Smokey and the Bandit*, *Gator*, and *The Cannonball Run*; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Needham grew up as a sharecropper's son in Arkansas and discovered he  
7 had a talent for pushing himself to the edge as a volunteer test parachuter in the 82nd  
8 Airborne; and

9 WHEREAS, the highest paid stuntman in the world, Mr. Needham has broken 56 bones and  
10 his back, was the first human to test the car air bag, and taught John Wayne how to throw a  
11 punch; and

12 WHEREAS, enjoying excitement and thrills in all aspects of his life, Mr. Needham was also  
13 the owner of the Skoal-Bandit race team, one the most popular NASCAR racing teams in the  
14 sport's history; and

15 WHEREAS, he has set trends in movies, like being the first to show outtakes during end  
16 credits, and NASCAR, as the first team owner to use telemetry technology; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Needham set a *Guinness* world record and was the owner and financier of  
18 the Budweiser Rocket Car, the first land vehicle to break the sound barrier by traveling at  
19 739,666 miles per hour; and

20 WHEREAS, an Emmy and Academy Award winner, Mr. Needham recalls his adventures  
21 in the film industry in his new autobiography, *Stuntman!*, which includes tales of mayhem,  
22 close calls, and victory-from-the-jaws-of-defeat success stories; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of  
24 this distinguished American be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body recognize the fascinating life of Mr. Hal Needham, congratulate  
27 him on his recent successful publication, and invite him to be recognized by the House of  
28 Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of  
29 Representatives.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Ed Spivia.