

Senate Resolution 86

By: Senators Harbin of the 16th, Strickland of the 17th, Jackson of the 41st, Watson of the 1st, Islam of the 7th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending George Lucas for his incredible contribution to the creative
2 arts and pop culture era of our times; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on May 14, 1944, the entertainment world sang praises to the heavens as
4 George Lucas was thereby born; and

5 WHEREAS, from an early age, Lucas was enthralled with classic adventure stories, an avid
6 collector of comic books, and greatly interested in the creative art of film making; and

7 WHEREAS, while obtaining his bachelor's degree in film from the University of Southern
8 California in Los Angeles, Lucas filmed several notable works in his early career; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1971, Lucas formed his own film production company Luscasfilm Ltd. with
10 multiple divisions, the most notable being Industrial Light & Magic (ILM), which was
11 regarded as the most prestigious special-effects workshop in American film; and

12 WHEREAS, upon the unexpected success of his second film, *American Graffiti*, Lucas
13 financed a science-fiction project dear to his heart; a space opera set "a long time ago in a
14 galaxy far, far away"; and

15 WHEREAS, *Star Wars - A New Hope* (1977) would premiere to break box office records and
16 spark multiple series within the Star Wars universe thereafter; Lucas then continued the
17 growth of Lucasfilm Ltd. with the creation of another popular character; and

18 WHEREAS, *Indiana Jones - Raiders of the Lost Ark* (1981) would premiere and likewise
19 spark multiple series, allowing Lucas to expose his skills from director to the executive
20 producer role; and

21 WHEREAS, after multiple years and numerous hit films from the Star Wars and Indiana
22 Jones franchises, Lucas eventually sold Lucasfilm Ltd. to the Walt Disney Company, which
23 has continued sharing his vision of the Star Wars universe to this present day; and

24 WHEREAS, Lucas has been highly honored for directing and producing some of the most
25 profitable productions in Hollywood history; and

26 WHEREAS, Lucas was named an Honoree of the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in
27 2015.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that members of this body
29 recognize and commend George Lucas for his contributions to film making and the creative
30 arts and for unleashing the excitement and imagination of the millions of people across the
31 State of Georgia, the United States, and all other parts of the world touched by his works.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to
33 make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Gabe Mesriah,
34 life-long fan of the Star Wars Universe and admirer of the legendary George Lucas.