

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 459

By Terry

A RESOLUTION to recognize and acknowledge film director, producer, writer, and actor Sam Raimi.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great honor in recognizing those who contribute to the advancement of Tennessee's entertainment industry; and

WHEREAS, at the age of twenty-two, Sam Raimi directed and produced his first movie, *The Evil Dead*, in Morristown, which became one of the leading horror films of all times; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Raimi's first film launched him into a prosperous career, winning fourteen awards and earning twenty-three nominations within the film industry in such categories as best director, best film, and best screenplay; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Raimi is best known for directing the *Spider-Man* trilogy (2002-2007), *Darkman* (1990), *Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness* (2022), and *The Evil Dead* franchise (1981-1992), which included the well-known and much-loved *Evil Dead II* and *Army of Darkness*; and

WHEREAS, understanding that with great power comes great responsibility, Sam Raimi has produced fifty-eight movies, written forty-two screenplays, directed thirty-nine films, and been cast in forty-seven productions; his films have set him apart for their original ideas and distinctive cinematographic techniques that have created a new sector for the movie industry to utilize; and

WHEREAS, Sam Raimi has helped us believe there is a hero in all of us through his creativity and imagination; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and acknowledge Sam Raimi for his hard work and

dedication to the film industry as we commend him on his successful career which began in a "friendly neighborhood" in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.