

## House Resolution 415

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Marin of the 96<sup>th</sup>, Dollar of the 45<sup>th</sup>, and Bonner of the 72<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ozzie Areu and Will Areu on their founding of the first Latino-owned film  
2 studio in Georgia and the United States; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ozzie Areu and Will Areu have overseen 30 movies and more than 1,900  
4 episodes of television dramas and comedies over nine different series, in addition to  
5 performing their duties as president and senior vice president of Tyler Perry Studios,  
6 respectively; and

7 WHEREAS, as president, Ozzie oversees all facets of the studio, including feature films,  
8 television shows, and stage play productions; as senior vice president, Will oversees all  
9 aspects of television and film productions, stage productions, and post production; and

10 WHEREAS, formed by actor and filmmaker Tyler Perry, Tyler Perry Studios develops and  
11 produces motion pictures, in addition to drama and comedy television programming for the  
12 multiplatform United States television market; and

13 WHEREAS, the Areus have worked with some of the biggest stars in the entertainment  
14 industry, including Sofia Vergara, Janet Jackson, Whoopi Goldberg, Taraji P. Henson,  
15 Phylicia Rashad, Eugene Levy, Doris Roberts, Nia Long, Thandi Newton, Kerry  
16 Washington, Loretta Devine, Kathy Najimy, John Schneider, and Zulay Henao; and

17 WHEREAS, their significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience and  
18 diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and artistic fortitude have earned Ozzie Areu and Will Areu  
19 the respect and admiration of their colleagues and associates; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of these  
21 remarkable and distinguished mavens of the entertainment industry be appropriately  
22 recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body recognize Ozzie Areu and Will Areu for creating the first Latino-  
25 owned film studio in Georgia and the United States; commend them for their myriad  
26 managerial, financial, and artistic achievements; and extend the most sincere best wishes for  
27 their continued success.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Ozzie  
30 Areu and Will Areu.