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5 By: Representative Richmond

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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE ARKANSAS ACTOR JACOB LOFLAND FOR HIS
10 ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF ACTING, WHICH HAVE
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21 WHEREAS, Jacob Seth Lofland was born on July 30, 1996, in Briggsville,
22 Arkansas, to Debra and Billy Lofland, and is an actor widely known for his
23 portrayal of "Neckbone", which was his first acting role, in the famed
24 Arkansas-made film "Mud"; and

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26 WHEREAS, Lofland obtained the acting role in "Mud" during a time when
27 his mother was working with a community group focused on bringing employment
28 opportunities to Fourche Valley in Yell County, and she was excited to see a
29 newspaper article noting that a Hollywood movie was going to be filming in
30 east Arkansas; and

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32 WHEREAS, Lofland and his mother realized that Lofland perfectly fit the
33 description of the boy the director of "Mud", Jeff Nichols, was seeking to
34 cast as "Neckbone" because he was a teenaged Arkansas boy who could operate a
35 boat and ride a motorcycle; and

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1 WHEREAS, fewer than three (3) weeks after seeing the open casting call,
2 Lofland took his first airplane ride for an audition for the film "Mud" held
3 in Austin, Texas, and was offered the role within twenty-four (24) hours; and
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5 WHEREAS, the film "Mud", a coming-of-age tale reminiscent of The
6 Adventures of Huckleberry Finn starring Matthew McConaughey and Reese
7 Witherspoon, was a global critical success, and although Lofland was still a
8 teenager, he decided to continue working as an actor; and
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10 WHEREAS, in addition to "Mud", Lofland has also appeared in "Little
11 Accidents", the fifth season of "Justified", television miniseries "Texas
12 Rising", "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials", "Free State of Jones", "Go North",
13 "Maze Runner: The Death Cure", two seasons of "The Son", "12 Mighty Orphans",
14 "A House on the Bayou", and "Joker: Folie a Deux" and is currently starring
15 in the first season of Taylor Sheridan's "Landman" with Billy Bob Thornton;
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18 WHEREAS, Lofland has had the honor of working with accomplished actors
19 such as Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon, Elizabeth Banks, Timothy
20 Olyphant, Walton Goggins, Pierce Brosnan, Joaquin Phoenix, Dylan O'Brien,
21 Josh Lucas, and Billy Bob Thornton, the latter two of whom are, like Lofland,
22 from Arkansas,
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24 NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 THAT the House of Representatives recognize Arkansas actor Jacob
29 Lofland for his achievements in the field of acting, which have brought
30 renown to him and to the State of Arkansas.
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be
33 presented to Jacob Lofland by the Chief Clerk of the House of
34 Representatives.
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