

Senate Resolution 217

By: Senators Harbin of the 16th, Brass of the 28th, Dugan of the 30th, Seay of the 34th and Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Pinewood Atlanta Studios; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Pinewood Atlanta Studios is a full service film and entertainment studio
3 complex, composed of 18 sound stages on 700 acres in Fayetteville, Georgia USA, just south
4 of Atlanta; and

5 WHEREAS, Pinewood Atlanta Studios is one of the foremost providers of studio and related
6 services to the worldwide film and television industries; Pinewood Studios has an impressive
7 heritage, and Pinewood stages have been home to some of the most successful features films
8 and TV shows ever made; and

9 WHEREAS, Governor Nathan Deal's office reported total film spending in the state
10 exceeded \$2 billion in fiscal year 2016, an increase of 19% over the previous year. This was
11 more than seven times the expenditure from 2008; and

12 WHEREAS, 245 television and film projects filmed in Georgia in the 2016 fiscal year. This
13 provided a significant impact on the state's economy, employed thousands of Georgians,
14 continued to develop infrastructure and boosted small businesses; and

15 WHEREAS, Atlanta has risen to the number one city to live and work as a filmmaker
16 because of its growing infrastructure and workforce development, tax incentive, thriving
17 music scene, and affordable housing, overtaking Austin, Los Angeles, Chicago, New York,
18 and San Francisco, according to the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*; and

19 WHEREAS, Pinewood Atlanta Studios has demonstrated a commitment to education by
20 partnering with local institutions and film festivals, including the Georgia Film Academy;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Pinewood Atlanta Studios Soundstage 17 was home of the 2017 Fayette Winter
23 Gala, which raised more than \$300,000 for 21 local nonprofits; and

24 WHEREAS, *Captain America: Civil War*, filmed at Pinewood Atlanta Studios, was the
25 highest grossing film worldwide in 2016 at \$250 million; and

26 WHEREAS, after completion of its Phase III construction in December of 2016, Pinewood
27 Atlanta Studios became the second-largest purpose-built studio in North America, second
28 only to Warner Brothers in Hollywood.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize and commend Pinewood Atlanta Studios for their success and leadership in
31 cultivating the film, television and entertainment industry in Georgia and their contribution
32 to the prosperity of the State.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Pinewood Atlanta
35 Studios.