

By: Representative Richmond

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Jacob Seth Lofland was born on July 30, 1996, in Briggsville, Arkansas, to Debra and Billy Lofland, and is an actor widely known for his portrayal of "Neckbone", which was his first acting role, in the famed Arkansas-made film "Mud"; and

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

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



WHEREAS, fewer than three (3) weeks after seeing the open casting call, Lofland took his first airplane ride for an audition for the film "Mud" held in Austin, Texas, and was offered the role within twenty-four (24) hours; and

WHEREAS, the film "Mud", a coming-of-age tale reminiscent of The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn starring Matthew McConaughey and Reese Witherspoon, was a global critical success, and although Lofland was still a teenager, he decided to continue working as an actor; and

WHEREAS, in addition to "Mud", Lofland has also appeared in "Little Accidents", the fifth season of "Justified", television miniseries "Texas Rising", "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials", "Free State of Jones", "Go North", "Maze Runner: The Death Cure", two seasons of "The Son", "12 Mighty Orphans", "A House on the Bayou", and "Joker: Folie a Deux" and is currently starring in the first season of Taylor Sheridan's "Landman" with Billy Bob Thornton; and

WHEREAS, Lofland has had the honor of working with accomplished actors such as Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon, Elizabeth Banks, Timothy Olyphant, Walton Goggins, Pierce Brosnan, Joaquin Phoenix, Dylan O'Brien, Josh Lucas, and Billy Bob Thornton, the latter two of whom are, like Lofland, from Arkansas,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives recognize Arkansas actor Jacob Lofland for his achievements in the field of acting, which have brought renown to him and to the State of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to Jacob Lofland by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.