



SPONSOR: Rep. Blakey

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
144th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 36

ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ECONOMIC AND TOURISM BENEFITS OF ENHANCING
FILM PRODUCTION IN DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, the film industry generates important economic benefits in states by direct spending, the creation of
2 new jobs, and extended access to accommodations, dining and shopping; and

3 WHEREAS, film production directly enhances tourism by inspiring travel to those destinations seen by film
4 viewers; and

5 WHEREAS, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, many states offer generous economic and
6 tax incentives to encourage film production in their states; and

7 WHEREAS, the State would be proud to replicate the success of Dead Poets Society, an Oscar winning Delaware-
8 based film for best original screenplay in 1989, which generated a positive economic impact of \$6 million dollars and
9 employed over one hundred vendors; and

10 WHEREAS, it is important to understand any factors which may inhibit film production in Delaware, such as
11 availability of workforce and crews, infrastructure and other relevant issues impacting resident and non-resident film
12 makers; and

13 WHEREAS, it is important to understand and improve the educational offerings in Delaware which can further
14 enhance film production by creative, aspiring film makers in the State.

15 NOW, THEREFORE:

16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 144th General Assembly of the State of Delaware that
17 there is hereby created a Film Production Task Force.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Film Production Task Force shall be composed of the following
19 members:

20 (1) Speaker of the House, or his designee, to serve as Chairman;

21 (2) Two (2) members of the House Majority Caucus from either the Economic Development or Tourism
22 Committee to be appointed by the Speaker of the House;

- 23 (3) One (1) member of the House Minority Caucus from either the Economic Development or Tourism
24 Committee to be appointed by the House Minority Leader;
- 25 (4) Director of the Delaware Tourism Office, or a designee;
- 26 (5) Delaware Economic Development Office (DEDO) Film Office Representative;
- 27 (6) Member of the Delaware Budget Office;
- 28 (7) Member from the League of Local Governments;
- 29 (8) Member from New Castle County Chamber of Commerce;
- 30 (9) Member from the Kent County Chamber of Commerce;
- 31 (10) Member from a Sussex County Chamber of Commerce;
- 32 (11) Member from City of Wilmington Office of Cultural Affairs;
- 33 (12) Representative from the Rehoboth Beach Film Festival;
- 34 (13) Lt. Governor; and
- 35 (14) Two (2) members of the arts community in Delaware appointed by the Speaker of the House.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Film Production Task Force shall be staffed by the House of
37 Representatives Majority Caucus and report its findings and recommendations to the 144th General Assembly by January
38 31, 2008.