

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Bastrop County and Texans across the state in celebrating February 7, 2017, as Bastrop County Day at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Bastrop County traces its roots to the beginning of the colonization of Texas, which was envisioned by Moses Austin and fulfilled by his son Stephen F. Austin; it is named in honor of Philip Hendrick Nering Bogel, known as the "Baron de Bastrop"; and

WHEREAS, The town of Bastrop was formally established on June 8, 1832, as the principal settlement in the Stephen F. Austin Little Colony of 1827; early settlers included such important historical pioneers as Edward Burleson, Reuben Hornsby, and Josiah Wilbarger; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, Bastrop County has played an important role in the state's history; three Bastropians were signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence, and a number of the county's residents were soldiers who fought at the Alamo and in the Battle of San Jacinto; after the Civil War and the arrival of the railroad, the area experienced significant growth, with extensive timber and coal operations driving the county's development; and

WHEREAS, Today, Bastrop County is a thriving center for tourism, filmmaking, agriculture, and manufacturing; its citizens are confidently looking forward to a prosperous future while continuing to celebrate their rich and colorful past; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend the people of Bastrop County on their many contributions to the growth and progress of our state and extend to them best wishes for a memorable Bastrop County Day at the Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special day.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 23, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate