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H.C.R. No. 131

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, For decades, residents of Bastrop County have opened
2 their homes, businesses, and properties to film productions of all
3 durations and sizes, forming friendly relations with industry
4 professionals and watching with pride as local communities come to
5 life on television and motion picture screens; and

6 WHEREAS, The leadership of Bastrop County and the cities of
7 Bastrop, Elgin, and Smithville have adopted film-friendly policies
8 to ensure that projects operate smoothly, with minimal
9 inconvenience to residents and businesses; chambers of commerce,
10 private citizens, local agencies, and school districts actively
11 support film production and make their homes and facilities
12 available to filmmakers, understanding the economic impact these
13 projects have on their communities; moreover, local film
14 commissions provide workshops promoting dialogue between
15 production companies and residents; and

16 WHEREAS, Bastrop County is home to New Republic Studios, a
17 full service production company encompassing sound stages,
18 animation studios, and other state-of-the-art facilities; and

19 WHEREAS, Many residents of Bastrop County proudly support
20 themselves and their families through work on film projects; among
21 the professionals who call the county home are writers, directors,
22 location scouts, actors, accountants, caterers, carpenters,
23 electricians, and other skilled workers; and

24 WHEREAS, Each year, Bastrop County and its local communities

1 welcome thousands of visitors who are following self-guided
2 sightseeing trails established by the Texas Film Commission; among
3 the stops on these tours are such famous locations as the family
4 home in *Hope Floats* and the *Bernie* courtroom; and

5 WHEREAS, Bastrop County residents have spent countless hours
6 as volunteers supporting films made in their communities; the
7 county has hosted hundreds of productions, from Academy
8 Award-nominated feature films such as *The Tree of Life* to fan
9 favorites that include *Transformers: Age of Extinction* and *My*
10 *All-American*; celebrities have received a warm welcome here, from
11 Julia Roberts, Jack Black, and Troy Aikman, who have strolled
12 Bastrop's Main Street, to Brad Pitt and Jessica Chastain, who have
13 enjoyed the ambiance of Smithville, to the Clydesdales, who have
14 paraded through downtown Elgin; and

15 WHEREAS, Film production companies enjoy the friendly
16 people, diverse settings, and ample resources of Bastrop County,
17 and the county is indeed worthy of recognition for its
18 contributions to the film industry in the Lone Star State; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
21 hereby designate Bastrop County as the official Film Hospitality
22 Capital of Texas; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
24 [391.003\(e\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
25 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
26 passed by the legislature.