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H.C.R. No. 131

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

7 WHEREAS, The leadership of Bastrop County and the cities of
8 Bastrop, Elgin, and Smithville have adopted film-friendly policies
9 to ensure that projects work smoothly with residents and
10 businesses; and

11 WHEREAS, understanding the economic impact they bring to our
12 communities, each Chamber of Commerce, private citizens, local
13 agencies, and School Districts actively support film production and
14 open their homes and facilities for film making; Local Film
15 Commissions provide workshops promoting dialogue between
16 production companies and our residents; and

17 WHEREAS, Bastrop County is home to New Republic Studios, a
18 full service production company bringing creative talents to
19 production stages, sound stages, and animation facilities in their
20 state of the art facilities; and

21 WHEREAS, Many residents of Bastrop County proudly support
22 their families through work on film projects, including
23 professional writers, directors, location scouts, actors,
24 accountants, caterers, carpenters, electricians, and other skilled

1 positions; and

2 WHEREAS, each year Bastrop County and our local communities
3 welcome thousands of visitors following film trails established by
4 the Texas Film Commission; they come to see famous locations such as
5 the "Hope Floats" home and the "Bernie" courtroom; and

6 WHEREAS, Bastrop County residents spend countless hours as
7 volunteers supporting film productions in our communities; Bastrop
8 County has hosted hundreds of moving-image productions from Academy
9 Award nominated feature films such as "The Tree of Life" to fan
10 classics such as "Hope Floats", "Bernie", "The Transformers", and
11 "My All American". Celebrities feel welcome here - from Clydesdales
12 parading down Main Street of Elgin; Julia Roberts, Jack Black, and
13 Troy Aikman strolling Bastrop's Main Street; to Brad Pitt and Julia
14 Chastain enjoying the ambiance of Smithville; and

15 WHEREAS, Bastrop County is where film production companies
16 come to enjoy their friendly and hospitable nature; Bastrop County
17 and its residents have earned this recognition; therefore , be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
19 Legislature hereby designates Bastrop County as the Film
20 Hospitality Capital of Texas; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
22 [391.003\(e\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
23 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
24 passed by the legislature.