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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Proud residents of Bastrop County are visiting Austin on February 22, 2023, to celebrate Bastrop County Day at the State 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 Bastrop area was one of the first settlements in the Stephen F. Austin Little Colony of 1827, and the town of Bastrop was first established on June 8, 1832; two years later, the Coahuila and Texas legislature renamed the town Mina, and on December 18, 1837, it was incorporated under the laws of Texas as Bastrop; 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; in addition, the town of Bastrop has been named the Most Historic Small Town in Texas, encompassing more than 100 landmarks that have been listed in the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Bastrop County are confidently looking forward to a prosperous future while continuing to celebrate their rich and colorful past, and it is indeed fitting to honor their contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas Legislature hereby recognize February 22, 2023, as Bastrop County Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a memorable stay in Austin.