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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Bastrop County are visiting
2 Austin on February 22, 2023, to celebrate Bastrop County Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

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

8 WHEREAS, The Bastrop area was one of the first settlements in
9 the Stephen F. Austin Little Colony of 1827, and the town of Bastrop
10 was first established on June 8, 1832; two years later, the Coahuila
11 and Texas legislature renamed the town Mina, and on December 18,
12 1837, it was incorporated under the laws of Texas as Bastrop; early
13 settlers included such important historical pioneers as Edward
14 Burleson, Reuben Hornsby, and Josiah Wilbarger; and

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

23 WHEREAS, Today, Bastrop County is a thriving center for
24 tourism, filmmaking, agriculture, and manufacturing; in addition,

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1 the town of Bastrop has been named the Most Historic Small Town in
2 Texas, encompassing more than 100 landmarks that have been listed
3 in the National Register of Historic Places; and

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

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