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

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

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

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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

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

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

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 131 was adopted by the House on May 7, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 131 was adopted by the Senate on May 15, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Name 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

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