



The State of Texas House of Representatives

H.C.R. No. 131

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

WHEREAS, Bastrop County is home to New Republic Studios, a full service production company encompassing sound stages, 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

WHEREAS, Each year, Bastrop County and its local communities welcome thousands of visitors who are following self-guided sightseeing trails established by the Texas Film Commission; among the stops on these tours are such famous locations as the family home in *Hope Floats* and the *Bernie* courtroom; and

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

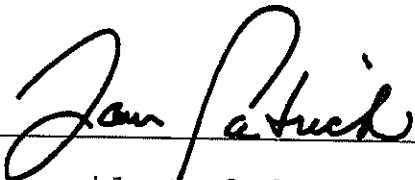
WHEREAS, Film production companies enjoy the friendly people, diverse settings, and ample resources of Bastrop County, and the county is indeed worthy of recognition for its contributions to the film industry in the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

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

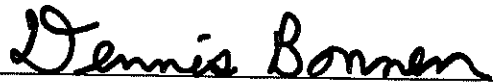
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RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally passed by the legislature.

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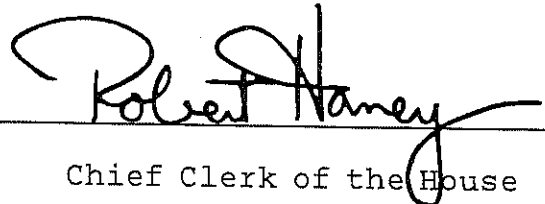


President of the Senate



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.



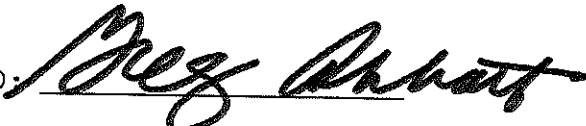
Chief Clerk of the House

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

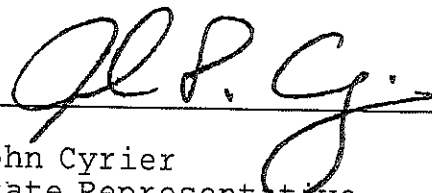


Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:



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