

1-1 By: Cyrier (Senate Sponsor - Watson) H.C.R. No. 131  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2019;  
1-3 May 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Administration; May 13, 2019, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 13, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10			X	
1-11	X			
1-12			X	
1-13			X	
1-14	X			

1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, For decades, residents of Bastrop County have opened  
1-17 their homes, businesses, and properties to film productions of all  
1-18 durations and sizes, forming friendly relations with industry  
1-19 professionals and watching with pride as local communities come to  
1-20 life on television and motion picture screens; and

1-21 WHEREAS, The leadership of Bastrop County and the cities of  
1-22 Bastrop, Elgin, and Smithville have adopted film-friendly policies  
1-23 to ensure that projects operate smoothly, with minimal  
1-24 inconvenience to residents and businesses; chambers of commerce,  
1-25 private citizens, local agencies, and school districts actively  
1-26 support film production and make their homes and facilities  
1-27 available to filmmakers, understanding the economic impact these  
1-28 projects have on their communities; moreover, local film  
1-29 commissions provide workshops promoting dialogue between  
1-30 production companies and residents; and

1-31 WHEREAS, Bastrop County is home to New Republic Studios, a  
1-32 full service production company encompassing sound stages,  
1-33 animation studios, and other state-of-the-art facilities; and

1-34 WHEREAS, Many residents of Bastrop County proudly support  
1-35 themselves and their families through work on film projects; among  
1-36 the professionals who call the county home are writers, directors,  
1-37 location scouts, actors, accountants, caterers, carpenters,  
1-38 electricians, and other skilled workers; and

1-39 WHEREAS, Each year, Bastrop County and its local communities  
1-40 welcome thousands of visitors who are following self-guided  
1-41 sightseeing trails established by the Texas Film Commission; among  
1-42 the stops on these tours are such famous locations as the family  
1-43 home in *Hope Floats* and the *Bernie* courtroom; and

1-44 WHEREAS, Bastrop County residents have spent countless hours  
1-45 as volunteers supporting films made in their communities; the  
1-46 county has hosted hundreds of productions, from Academy  
1-47 Award-nominated feature films such as *The Tree of Life* to fan  
1-48 favorites that include *Transformers: Age of Extinction* and *My  
1-49 All-American*; celebrities have received a warm welcome here, from  
1-50 Julia Roberts, Jack Black, and Troy Aikman, who have strolled  
1-51 Bastrop's Main Street, to Brad Pitt and Jessica Chastain, who have  
1-52 enjoyed the ambiance of Smithville, to the Clydesdales, who have  
1-53 paraded through downtown Elgin; and

1-54 WHEREAS, Film production companies enjoy the friendly  
1-55 people, diverse settings, and ample resources of Bastrop County,  
1-56 and the county is indeed worthy of recognition for its  
1-57 contributions to the film industry in the Lone Star State; now,  
1-58 therefore, be it

1-59 RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-60 hereby designate Bastrop County as the official Film Hospitality  
1-61 Capital of Texas; and, be it further

2-1 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section  
2-2 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect  
2-3 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally  
2-4 passed by the legislature.

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