

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 130

BY SENATOR HEWITT

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, May 18, 2022, as Film Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, in Louisiana, the motion picture industry creates nearly 10,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data, businesses with fewer than 500 employees account for 99.5 percent of businesses in Louisiana, and over 900,000 Louisianians are employed by small businesses in sectors such as manufacturing, retail, arts, hospitality, and film production; and

WHEREAS, thousands of small businesses are behind Louisiana's distinction as a premier location for filming, as each production filmed in the state contracts with many small businesses, from construction to food services to transportation logistics; and

WHEREAS, the film industry recently recorded \$960 million in direct spending and \$326 million in direct earnings to Louisiana residents for 2019 and 2020, with much of that going to local small businesses; and

WHEREAS, founded in 2012, and representing a major portion of the thousands of the hard-working citizens and small business owners in Louisiana's film industry, the Louisiana Film and Entertainment Association is an independent, nonprofit organization with the mission to be a collaborative voice for Louisiana's film industry professionals and communicate, educate, and advocate for the long-term sustainability of the film industry in this state; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Film and Entertainment Association works in collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development to cultivate a diverse and clean industry in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's film industry provides a unique opportunity for a diverse range of small businesses to grow and thrive, providing opportunities for all Louisianians around the state, and helping to strengthen Louisiana's reputation as the top state for business and the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Wednesday, May 18, 2022, as Louisiana Film Day at the state capitol and does hereby recognize and commend Louisiana's film industry and the many small businesses that support it and extend best wishes for continued success and prosperity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Trey Burvant, president of the Louisiana Film and Entertainment Association.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE