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H.C.R. No. 9

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Small businesses are an essential element of our
2 state's economy, and their viability has far-reaching benefits for
3 the communities in which they operate; and

4 WHEREAS, Texas is home to 3.1 million small businesses, which
5 are defined as companies that employ fewer than 500 people; these
6 enterprises represent 99.8 percent of all businesses in Texas, and
7 they employ close to half of the state's residents; and

8 WHEREAS, From clothing designers to food trucks, bookstores
9 to auto mechanics, and tech startups to construction firms, small
10 businesses operate in a diverse range of industries and provide a
11 broad spectrum of products and services; the entrepreneurs who lead
12 these endeavors are likewise diverse, with a sizeable proportion of
13 small businesses being owned by women and members of racial
14 minority groups; and

15 WHEREAS, Beyond providing goods and services, small
16 businesses create jobs and stimulate commercial activity within
17 their communities; their role as engines of economic productivity
18 stems from the fact that the businesses often rely on local supply
19 chains, and their smaller size allows them to adapt to and
20 accommodate the demands of local customers and the unique character
21 of their neighborhoods; and

22 WHEREAS, Despite being major drivers of commercial growth,
23 small businesses face significant challenges, including economic
24 uncertainty, rising costs, and difficulties in finding workers;

1 fostering a supportive environment for these enterprises is key to
2 ensuring their long-term viability and will assist hardworking
3 entrepreneurs in adjusting to changing market conditions; and

4 WHEREAS, By choosing to patronize small businesses, we are
5 investing in the future prosperity of our towns and cities and our
6 state at large, and it is fitting that we set aside a day each month
7 to encourage Texans to shop local and show their support for the
8 small businesses in their communities; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
10 hereby designate the first Saturday of every month as Small
11 Business Saturday; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of
13 Section 391.004(d), Government Code, this designation remain in
14 effect until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is
15 finally passed by the legislature.