

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In recent years, workers in the gig economy have  
2 played an ever-larger role in the prosperity of the Lone Star State;  
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4           WHEREAS, The upsurge of digital platforms has energized the  
5 gig economy, which consists of on-demand jobs with a low barrier to  
6 entry; people with busy or unpredictable schedules can choose the  
7 hours when they want to accept tasks, and the flexibility allows  
8 some to participate in the workforce who would not be able to accept  
9 traditional employment; in addition, freelance work can help  
10 households quickly overcome a financial emergency without going  
11 into debt or taking on a long-term commitment; and

12           WHEREAS, Acting as their own bosses, gig workers enhance  
13 their entrepreneurial abilities and practice the self-reliance and  
14 independence that are core Texan values; freelance assignments  
15 enable workers to experience more variety in their careers,  
16 exploring new interests while expanding their marketable skill  
17 sets; and

18           WHEREAS, Freelance employment can also allow more time for  
19 civic engagement; in a recent study, more than 50 percent of  
20 freelancers reported being politically active in their  
21 communities, compared to only 34 percent of workers in conventional  
22 full-time positions; and

23           WHEREAS, In 2018, the gig economy accounted for \$1.3 trillion  
24 in national economic activity; the phenomenon is sure to gain even

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1 more momentum, and freelance workers may indeed take pride in their  
2 contributions to this flourishing sector; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby honor workers in the gig economy and extend to  
5 them sincere best wishes for continued success.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 682 was adopted by the House on May 27, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House