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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;
3 and

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.