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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, During the fight to contain the spread of COVID-19, 2 frontline workers, including men and women in the fields of health 3 care, food service, child care, and transportation, have provided 4 vital services to their fellow Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, In continuing to work in frontline and public-facing 6 roles, these individuals have helped protect the health and safety 7 of their communities while minimizing disruptions to our daily 8 lives; their numbers include physicians, nurses, home care and 9 domestic workers, and other medical professionals, who have put 10 themselves in harm's way to ensure that all patients receive timely 11 medical care; and

12 WHEREAS, Essential workers such as emergency medical personnel, emergency dispatchers, law 13 enforcement officers, firefighters, security guards, and corrections officers have 14 continued to fulfill their duties while adapting to the significant 15 16 challenges posed by COVID-19; in so doing, they have saved lives, aided the sick and injured, and upheld law and order in the midst of 17 a public health crisis; and 18

WHEREAS, The efforts of farmers and farm workers, food processing workers, food service workers, and grocery employees have helped keep the threat of food shortages at bay, while truck drivers, pilots, and distribution center workers have ensured the uninterrupted movement of our nation's supply chains; also deserving of recognition are the employees of the United States

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Postal Service and other postal carriers that have facilitated the delivery of mail and critical goods, including prescription medications, as well as the communications workers who have kept households connected through phone, cable, and Internet, when these services are needed more than ever; and

6 WHEREAS, Local, state, and federal employees have upheld key 7 government functions and services, many of which have risen in demand due to the impact of COVID-19; across the country, other 8 9 essential workers include teachers and child-care workers, construction and utility workers, laborers, sanitation and 10 cleaning personnel, and employees in the travel and transportation 11 sectors, all of whom make contributions that are indispensable to 12 the day-to-day functioning of our economy and society; and 13

14 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic, through the myriad 15 challenges that it has imposed on us, has shined a light on those in 16 our workforce whose efforts might have otherwise gone unheralded, 17 and these many individuals are deserving of their fellow citizens' 18 deepest and most heartfelt appreciation; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas 20 Legislature hereby commend the frontline workers of the United 21 States for their service during the COVID-19 pandemic and extend to 22 them sincere best wishes for their health and safety.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 26 was adopted by the House on March 10, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House