

1-1 By: Morales of Harris H.C.R. No. 9
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa of Nueces)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 20, 2025;
1-4 May 20, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-5 Administration; May 23, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable
1-6 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;
1-7 May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-9		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-10	Hall	X			
1-11	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-12	Cook	X			
1-13	Eckhardt	X			
1-14	Kolkhorst	X			
1-15	Menéndez	X			
1-16	Middleton	X			

1-17 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.C.R. No. 9 By: Hall

1-18 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-19 WHEREAS, Small businesses are an essential element of our
1-20 state's economy, and their viability has far-reaching benefits for
1-21 the communities in which they operate; and

1-22 WHEREAS, Texas is home to 3.1 million small businesses, which
1-23 are defined as companies that employ fewer than 500 people; these
1-24 enterprises represent 99.8 percent of all businesses in Texas, and
1-25 they employ close to half of the state's residents; and

1-26 WHEREAS, From clothing designers to food trucks, bookstores
1-27 to auto mechanics, and tech startups to construction firms, small
1-28 businesses operate in a diverse range of industries and provide a
1-29 broad spectrum of products and services; the entrepreneurs who lead
1-30 these endeavors are likewise diverse, with a sizeable proportion of
1-31 small businesses being owned by women and members of racial
1-32 minority groups; and

1-33 WHEREAS, Beyond providing goods and services, small
1-34 businesses create jobs and stimulate commercial activity within
1-35 their communities; their role as engines of economic productivity
1-36 stems from the fact that the businesses often rely on local supply
1-37 chains, and their smaller size allows them to adapt to and
1-38 accommodate the demands of local customers and the unique character
1-39 of their neighborhoods; and

1-40 WHEREAS, Despite being major drivers of commercial growth,
1-41 small businesses face significant challenges, including economic
1-42 uncertainty, rising costs, and difficulties in finding workers;
1-43 fostering a supportive environment for these enterprises is key to
1-44 ensuring their long-term viability and will assist hardworking
1-45 entrepreneurs in adjusting to changing market conditions; and

1-46 WHEREAS, By choosing to patronize small businesses, we are
1-47 investing in the future prosperity of our towns and cities and our
1-48 state at large, and it is fitting that we set aside a day each month
1-49 to encourage Texans to shop local and show their support for the
1-50 small businesses in their communities; now, therefore, be it

1-51 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-52 hereby designate the first Saturday of every month as Small
1-53 Business Saturday; and, be it further

1-54 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of
1-55 Section 391.004(d), Government Code, this designation remain in
1-56 effect until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is
1-57 finally passed by the legislature.

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