

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.139

Senator Theis offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize and honor independent workers in the
2 state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, In recent years, independent workers have played a
4 large role in the prosperity of the state of Michigan and the
5 country overall; and

6 Whereas, The increase in work arrangements outside of the
7 traditional employment model has allowed people with busy or
8 unpredictable schedules to choose the hours when they want to work,
9 and the flexibility allows some to participate in the workforce who
10 would not be able to accept traditional employment; and

11 Whereas, Independent work can help households quickly overcome
12 a financial emergency without going into debt or take on a long-

1 term commitment. This enables individuals to experience more
2 variety in their careers while exploring new interests and
3 expanding their marketable skill sets; and

4 Whereas, Acting as their own bosses, independent workers
5 enhance their entrepreneurial abilities and practice self-reliance
6 and independence; and

7 Whereas, In 2018, independent workers contributed over \$1.4
8 trillion to the U.S. economy; and

9 Whereas, In a recent study, independent workers are 19 points
10 more politically active compared to workers in conventional full-
11 time positions, and nearly 80 percent reported voting in the recent
12 mid-term elections; and

13 Whereas, As leading innovators and adapters to the changing
14 labor landscape, independent workers facilitate necessary change
15 and growth by both diversifying the economy and providing existing
16 industries with access to their expertise due to their agile work
17 style; now, therefore, be it

18 Resolved by the Senate, That we recognize and honor
19 independent workers in the state of Michigan; and be it further

20 Resolved, That we extend sincere wishes for their continued
21 success, while pledging to promote and protect their unique and
22 valuable work style.