

House Resolution 530

By: Representative Drenner of the 85<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Urging Uber and Lyft transportation companies to incorporate wheelchair accommodations  
2 into all of their ridesharing services; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, people with ambulatory disabilities make up 6.9 percent of the Georgia  
4 population, according to a 2015 report by Cornell University; and

5 WHEREAS, 7.8 percent of Georgians with disabilities are actively seeking employment, and  
6 providing them with more transportation options will lead to an increase in employment,  
7 which would stimulate the economy; and

8 WHEREAS, the poverty rate of Georgians with disabilities is 27.9 percent, compared to a  
9 rate of 13.5 percent for Georgians without disabilities; people with ambulatory disabilities  
10 in poverty account for 31 percent of all people with disabilities in poverty; and

11 WHEREAS, wheelchair conversions cost between \$10,000 and \$20,000, and the National  
12 Organization for Vehicle Accessibility provides grants to eligible participants to modify their  
13 vehicles; and

14 WHEREAS, the ADA requires that all taxis, buses, trains, subways, and any other  
15 transportation services provide wheelchair accessible transportation; and

16 WHEREAS, UberWAV is a program started by Uber that allows passengers with  
17 nonfoldable, motorized wheelchairs to ride with drivers in wheelchair accessible vehicles that  
18 are equipped with ramps or lifts; this program is currently being tested in New York,  
19 Washington D.C., Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, London, Bangalore, and Toronto; and

20 WHEREAS, Lyft has an access feature on its app in certain areas that allows passengers to  
21 request accommodations for wheelchairs; in areas where this is not available, Lyft will send

22 a text message to the passenger recommending local service that could better accommodate  
23 them; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly clear that people in Georgia with ambulatory disabilities would  
25 be provided with more opportunities for gainful employment if Uber and Lyft expand  
26 wheelchair accommodations into all areas of operation.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body urge Uber and Lyft transportation companies to incorporate  
29 accommodations for people with ambulatory disabilities into all of their areas of service.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Uber  
32 and Lyft transportation companies.