

# The 12<sup>th</sup> Texas Silver-Haired Legislature

2008-2010

## SUMMARY OF ALL RESOLUTIONS BY COMMITTEE

*[Top ten ranked resolutions are noted in bold with the ranking number]*

Res No.	<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE</b>
2	Theft of veteran grave markers a felony
4	Protect seniors from exploitation thru undue influence
9	Identify convicted sexual predators -- NH residents
19	Immunity for Ems and Law enforcement when assisting APS
42	Background check for employees of nursing homes

Res No.	<b>EDUCATION</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Geriatric curricula in TX Schools of Health care Edu RANKED # 9</b>
46	Increase number of graduate med education opportunities
56	Continuing education to include 20% in geriatric education for re-licensure

Res No.	<b>HEALTH &amp; HUMAN RESOURCES</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Increase Medicaid rate to equal cost RANKED # 2</b>
21	Reduce/report infections contacted by seniors in hosp.
23	End of Life decisions
25	Add licensed professional counselors to assess capacity to consent
<b>26</b>	<b>Increase personal needs allowance RANKED # 8</b>
28	Patients receive disclosure if doctors receive comp for subst. meds
32	Loan forgiveness for med students in geriatric residency
66	Expand training for providers for Alzheimer & dementia patients
67	Strengthen rights of family councils in nursing homes
73	Wrist or ankle bracelet to be used during evacuation
74	Medicaid funding for assisted living facilities

Res No.	<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>
31	Affordable assisted living housing for seniors
41	Improve wages for personal and home care aides
45	Proper function of TIERS program before expansion
50	Expand AAA benefits counseling to help control Medicaid.
51	Reduce social isolation through neighbor helping neighbor
53	Training requirements for direct care workers
54	Annual rate adjustment to meals on wheels
55	Skilled nursing facilities to provide adult daycare options
61	Increase funding for senior corps programs in Texas
63	Decrease Ratio of Supervisors to APC caseworkers
64	Establishing a Right to Die with Dignity Law in Texas

Res No.	<b>INSURANCE</b>
3	Report canceled or expired auto insurance to DPS
6	Regulate business activities of Pharmacy benefit mgr
16	Reform homeowners insurance
39	Address high cost of home owners insurance
40	Establish TX Comprehensive homeowners insurance program

Res No.	<b>RETIREMENT &amp; AGING</b>
15	Require in-home care companies to provide full disclosure
20	Passage of Arthritis prevention, control and cure act
30	Expand directories to add Grandparents raising Grandchildren
43	Declare fall prevention awareness week
48	Restructure teacher retirement system board of trustees
52	Increase funding for staffing enhancement program
59	Relief for nursing facilities and senior residents in TX
62	Re: multiplier of 2.5% x yrs service for TX retired teachers
65	Respite care for family caregivers
68	TRS Pension Fund; increase funding and COLA

Res No.	<b>RURAL &amp; URBAN</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Funding for rural &amp; small urban transport systems</b>	<b>RANKED # 3</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Congress to increase tax deduction for volunteers</b>	<b>RANKED # 10</b>
13	Free senior fishing and hunting license	
22	State of Texas deinstitutionalization	
27	Protect rights of elderly in nursing homes	
34	Redistricting reform using nonpartisan panels	
35	Approve day to recognize rise in HIV/AIDS	
36	Expand support for Texercise program	
37	Require seatbelts & safety glass in charter buses	
47	Request Congress to oppose Windfall Tax on retirement income	

Res No.	<b>STATE AFFAIRS</b>	
5	Uniform adult guardianship protective proceedings act	
7	Judicial review of administrative decisions re TANF recipients	
<b>11</b>	<b>No eminent domain to be used by other private owner</b>	<b>RANKED # 7</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Grandparent caregivers to enroll grandchild in school, etc</b>	<b>RANKED # 5</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Cap annual property valuation increase at 5%</b>	<b>RANKED # 4</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>Create Legislative Committee on Aging</b>	<b>RANKED # 1</b>
44	Vote by people to establish Casinos	
49	Power of attorney for caregiver for minor child	
57	Provide total tax exemption for disabled veterans	
60	Proper identification of polling places	
69	Social security numbers protection	
70	Transfer of property upon death	

Res No.	<b>UTILITIES &amp; NATURAL RESOURCES</b>	
17	Improved water quality protection	
18	Holding in trust water under state owned land	
29	Reinstatement of system benefit fund	
38	Provide funding and support transportation needs	
<b>58</b>	<b>Reenact state regulation of electric utilities</b>	<b>RANKED # 6</b>
71	Establish energy discounts for low income elderly & disabled	
72	Reinstate public utilities discount for summer a/c rules	