

RESOLUTION

Put To a Vote of the People the establishment of Casinos

A RESOLUTION TO: Allow Voters to decide whether well-regulated casinos should be allowed to operate in Texas with the revenues accruing to the State.

WHEREAS: In the exercise of its sovereignty Texas permits well-regulated wagering on horses and dogs, and Texas operates a lottery, and Texas can authorize the establishment and operation of well-regulated casinos; and

WHEREAS: Each year Texans make over seventy million (70,000,000) trips to Louisiana and Oklahoma primarily for the purpose of patronizing casinos. Two out of three casino patrons in those states are Texans. A large percentage are seniors; and

WHEREAS: Well-regulated casinos in Texas would allow for more travel safety and entertainment for seniors, provide additional employment opportunities and bring tourists from other states to play, dine, stay, and shop in Texas. The financial outcome will provide much needed revenues for the State of Texas including additional funds for education and various senior programs; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the 11th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend that the 80th Texas Legislature put to a vote of the people the proposition to permit the establishment and operation of well-regulated casinos in the State of Texas and that all qualified operators be allowed to participate including Native American organizations.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of September, 2006, by
The State Affairs Committee.

Glen Peterson, Chair

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of September, 2006, by
the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Charlotte Parks, Speaker

ATTEST:

Carlos Higgins, Secretary