

**RESOLUTION**

**Privately Owned Pay Phone Costs**

A RESOLUTION TO: Address excessive pricing for phone service, especially from privately-owned pay phones.

WHEREAS, phone service, including privately-owned pay phones, has been deregulated; and,

WHEREAS, customers of privately-owned pay phones too often encounter charges for calls that are so high they are outrageous; and,

WHEREAS, there is no readily apparent and convenient way for a customer to determine in advance what charges should be expected; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 11th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend that the 80th Texas Legislature pass legislation that requires privately-owned pay phone service providers post in a prominent place on or adjacent to each affected phone the charges that a customer may expect to pay for service, so that the consumer may determine in advance such charges.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006, by the Utilities & Natural Resources Committee.

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Richard A. Landry, JR. Chair

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006, by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

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Charlotte Parks, Speaker

ATTEST:

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Carlos Higgins, Secretary