

RESOLUTION

**Provide information to Residents and Visitors of Facilities
about convicted Sexual Predators who are residents.**

A RESOLUTION TO: Require identification of Convicted Sexual Predators, including senior predators residing in Senior Communities, Health Care Facilities, Foster Homes and similar residences, by ensuring the names and addresses, etc. of those predators are readily available to all residents and visitors of those facilities.

WHEREAS: a current Texas law (Ashley's Law) requires name, location and other specific information about convicted sexual predators who prey on children to be provided to local school districts for dissemination in the efforts to protect children; and,

WHEREAS: senior citizens residing in Assisted Living and similar type facilities and their visitors, including young grandchildren, presently have no adequate means for determining the presence of predators and the level of threat this highly vulnerable group may face, and the population of vulnerable senior citizens residing in such facilities is growing exponentially; and,

WHEREAS, this growing population of seniors (and their visitors) will be increasingly vulnerable to attack from sexual predators unless reasonable notice is provided about the presence of the predators, especially since these predators may live in obscurity and anonymity, even in the same facility in which their potential victims dwell, and many predators are known to continue acts of sexual aggression and perversion against others, even though reaching an advanced age, with few seldom considered cured; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT the 11th Texas Silver Haired Legislature urge the 80th Texas Legislature to enact laws to protect seniors, including notice requirements that are similar to Ashley's Law notice requirements that protect children, requiring pertinent, specific information about convicted sexual predators be provided to senior citizen residential facilities (Assisted Living and etc.), and to their vulnerable residents and visitors.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of September, 2006, by the Criminal Justice Committee

Art Olson, Chairman

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

Charlotte Parks, Speaker

ATTEST:

Carlos Higgins, Secretary