

RESOLUTION

Support Greater Funding for Nursing Homes and Long-Term Care

A RESOLUTION To Encourage and Support increased funding for nursing homes and long-term care facilities in Texas in an effort to increase federal funds to Texas for this purpose.

WHEREAS: Many senior Texans now rely on nursing homes and similar facilities for the care that is essential to themselves, and younger citizens rely on these facilities to provide care for their aging parents or grandparents, and

WHEREAS: Marginal funding for many of these facilities is jeopardizing their continued operation, and the "Boomer" generation will soon greatly increase the need for such facilities, which will generate a commensurate need for an increase in funding levels , and

WHEREAS: Federal funding available to Texas nursing homes is so substantial and would be of such great benefit to Texas residents that all Texas residents should jointly share in the burden of providing the matching funds to enable Texas to claim those additional federal funds by paying for matching funds out of Texas General Revenue Fund, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the 11th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend that the 80th Texas Legislature take action to secure all available federal funding for nursing homes by meeting the requirement for state matching funds, but to pay for the matching funds out of state general funds without imposing any additional taxes on nursing homes in Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of September, 2006, by the Health & Human Resources Committee.

Glen Provost, Chair

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

Charlotte Parks, Speaker

ATTEST:

Carlos Higgins, Secretary