

RESOLUTION

Authorize and fund “Grandparents as Caregivers Program”

A RESOLUTION TO: Authorize “Grandparents as Caregivers Program” with funding.

WHEREAS, caring for a grandchild often places additional financial, social and psychological strain on grandparents on fixed income, and

WHEREAS, the relationship between a child and parent differs from the relationship between a child and a grandparent, and

WHEREAS, grandparents acting as a caregiver need a support structure, including counseling for both the grandparent and grandchild, respite care, transportation assistance and child care, and

WHEREAS, society and the demands and needs of the members of society changed between the time a person raises a child and the time the same person raises a grandchild, and

WHEREAS, grandparents are often unaware of medical and other assistance including cash assistance which they may be eligible; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the 11th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend that the 80th Texas Legislature authorize a Grandparent as Caregivers program supporting the grandparent who has legal custody of the grandchild, with a household income of less than 130 percent of the federal poverty level, and maximum support of \$200 per month for each grandchild up to a maximum \$600 for three grandchildren.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of September, 2006, by the Retirement & Aging Committee.

Brigitte Rogers, Chair

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

Charlotte Parks, Speaker

ATTEST:

Carlos Higgins, Secretary