

**RESOLUTION**

**Require Dementia Training, monitoring, and certification for health care workers**

A RESOLUTION TO: Enact legislation, regulations, and enforcement mechanisms requiring pre-employment and continuing education for dementia training for persons working in direct contact with people in long-term care and assisted living facilities.

WHEREAS, Many assisted living residents have cognitive impairments; and

WHEREAS: Training requirements for direct care workers in this industry are minimal; and

WHEREAS, Without minimum standards and training requirements of all staff expectations of quality of care for residents is greatly diminished as is the ability to evaluate a facility; now, therefore, be It

RESOLVED, That the 11<sup>th</sup> Texas Silver-Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend that the 80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature require that all staff be trained in dementia care issues and practices, require (8) hours of training prior to resident interaction for Certified Nursing Assistants & direct care staff with (8) hours of annual continuing education; and that a monitoring mechanism be established to ensure compliance; and, further, that a formal certification of training program be required for lead state agencies involved in licensing.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006, by  
the Education Committee.

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Bobby Southwood, 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