

RESOLUTION

Feasibility study of multi-use Community Centers as Points of Pride (T-POP)

A RESOLUTION TO: Initiate a feasibility study to encourage the restoration and vitality of communities in Texas who have found themselves consistently growing smaller until they can no longer sustain themselves as functioning communities, losing population, economic stability, vital services, young people, and a reason for existing.

WHEREAS, there are currently 86 counties in Texas with fewer than 10,000 residents and more than 520 towns with populations of less than 2,500, and

WHEREAS, the young people of rural Texas must move to the urban areas in order to find careers, social activities, and a challenging environment for the nurturing and education of their young, and

WHEREAS, a Points of Pride (T-POP) concept could provide vocational training facilities, cultural activities, a place to socialize, facilities for medical and dental services and could become totally self-supporting in a matter of a few years; now; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature urges the 80th Texas Legislature to conduct a feasibility study of multi-use Community Centers as Points of Pride in rural communities and evaluate the concept for economic, health and social growth feasibility to revitalize these communities with the goal that the Points of Pride Community Centers would become self-sufficient.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of September, 2006, by
the General Committee.

Maurice Osborn, Chair

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

Charlotte Parks, Speaker

ATTEST:

Carlos Higgins, Secretary