

RESOLUTION

Funding and support for transportation needs and public awareness education

A RESOLUTION TO: Establish a “No Elder Left Behind” initiative to provide funding and support for transportation needs and public awareness education, in order to improve access to and knowledge of said services for the elderly population of Texas.

WHEREAS, The elderly comprise the fastest growing population of Texas and state that transportation is the #1 priority for successful aging, maintaining independence, and decreasing isolation which leads to depression, and

WHEREAS, A significant number of those seniors who live in rural areas or poverty-stricken urban areas do not have access to transportation to get to available services, or who may not be aware of important available services, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Health and Human Services and the Administration on Aging are responsible for providing services as well as assuring the health and well-being of the aging population of Texas, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 11th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend that the 80th Texas Legislature pass legislation to create an initiative titled “No Elder Left Behind”, and to provide funding for transportation needs and public education to inform elderly Texans, particularly those residing in rural and poverty-stricken urban areas, about services available to them.

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