

By: Jetta Roberts  
Considered and Adopted by the entire Membership

TSHL Special Resolution

**RESOLUTION**

**Permanently Set the Personal Needs Allowance at a Minimum of \$60.00 Per Month**

A Resolution urging the Texas Legislature to give higher priority to those who depend on the Personal Needs Allowance, and to set that allowance at a level of no less than \$60 per month.

WHEREAS, Section 32.024 (w) Human Resources Code sets a personal needs allowance of not less than \$60.00 (sixty dollars) a month for a Medicaid resident of a nursing home licensed under chapter 242, Health and Safety Code; and,

WHEREAS, In 2003 the personal needs allowance was reduced to \$45.00 (forty five dollars) a month for these residents and with the escalating cost of personal needs items \$45.00 (forty five dollars) is not adequate; and,

WHEREAS, In 2005 the personal needs allowance was not legislatively restored to \$60.00 (sixty dollars) a month although the Legislative Budget Board approved funding to restore the personal needs allowance to \$60.00 (sixty dollars) a month for 2006-2007, but did not make any statutory changes to make it permanent, now, therefore, be it;

RESOLVED: THAT THE Texas Silver Haired Legislature urges the Texas Legislature to establish by statute a level of no less than \$60.00 (sixty dollars) a month for the personal needs allowance, and to make this issue a budget priority in the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session

Introduced on the Floor of the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature as an issue of such importance that it merited consideration as a Special Resolution on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006, and presented by the Chair of the Legislative Action Committee.

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Carlos Higgins, Chair

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

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Charlotte Parks, Speaker

ATTEST:

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Carlos Higgins, Secretary