

Committee: (Criminal Justice)\_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION

Educating seniors on Homeland Security Issues

A RESOLUTION TO: Provide the means to educate senior Texans on issues affecting their well being and possible community involvement in the area of Homeland Security.

WHEREAS:there are numerous education programs on Homeland Security, (Bioterrorism, Disaster Preparedness, Texas Family Safety Plan, Texas State Emergency Management Resources for people with Disabilities, Natural Disasters, etc.), seniors need to be provided these education opportunities; and

WHEREAS; grants are available to provide this education (*\$ 1.4 million dollars was recently provided to the state of Texas in federal 2004 Citizen Corps funds to be used to provide the resources necessary for local communities to bring together citizen leaders to form and sustain a citizen corps council; engage citizens in homeland security awareness, community preparedness and family safety; and implement Citizen Corps programs such as Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Medical Reserve Corps, Volunteers in Police Service, and Neighborhood Watch.*);and

WHEREAS: funding for some of these programs needs to be provided to engage and educate senior Texans in this process; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas Silver Haired Legislature urges the 79<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature to provide a means to obtain funds to establish programs to educate the 1 million seniors in Texas on Homeland Security issues that affect their well being and in some cases, get them involved in the community.

PASSED AND APPROVED this\_\_\_\_day of September, 2004, by

the \_\_\_\_\_Committee,

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Chair

PASSED AND APPROVED this\_\_\_\_day of September, 2004, by

by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

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Chris Kyker, Speaker

ATTEST:

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Al Campbell, Secretary