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RESOLUTION

Money Management as an Alternative to Guardianship

A RESOLUTION TO: Expand the Texas Money Management Program as a less-restrictive alternative to guardianships across the State.

WHEREAS: Many older Texans need personal assistance paying their bills and managing their finances in order to continue living in their own homes and apartments, and many are needlessly subjected to restrictive, costly and embarrassing guardianship proceedings because a less-restrictive alternative is not available in their county; and

WHEREAS: Trained and supervised volunteers currently provide money management services for 388 people in only 23 of the 254 counties in Texas;

WHEREAS: There is a need for a statewide program to provide a consistent model that includes features and safeguards for recruitment of volunteers, insurance for persons served to hold them harmless in the unlikely event of financial injury attributable to the money management program, criminal background checks, oversight, monitoring, training, technical support, compatible matches of volunteer and client and an advisory council of persons knowledgeable about guardianship and alternatives; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the 10th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature recommends that the 79th Texas Legislature expand the existing money management program as an alternative to guardianships and provide additional State funding for existing money management programs and encourage the growth of statewide money management programs with those features and safeguards relating to volunteers, clients, training, oversight, supervision and an advisory council incorporation as a Texas nonprofit corporation and recognition by the Internal Revenue Service under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. -

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of September, 2004 by the

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Chairman

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of September, 2004 by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Chris Kyker, Speaker

ATTEST:

Al Campbell, Secretary