

By: Carlos Higgins

No. T099

Committee Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION

Penalties for Abusing or Neglecting the Elderly

A RESOLUTION TO impose more severe penalties for failing to provide reasonable care or for endangering an elderly individual.

WHEREAS, in SB 827, the 78 Texas Legislature attempted to provide greater protection for elderly Texas citizens by increasing penalties for abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, SB 827 attempted to protect multiple categories of citizens, with various exceptions and defenses applicable to some categories but not others; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature passed SB 827, but it was vetoed by the Governor because the language was flawed, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 10<sup>th</sup> Texas Silver-Haired Legislature urge the 79<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature to again attempt similar legislation, but to address abuse and neglect penalties in a separate bill which applies only to the elderly, in order to more likely avoid a veto of the bill for flawed language.

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 the

Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

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Chris Kyker, Speaker

ATTEST:

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Al Campbell, Secretary