

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

RESOLUTION

Retain Texas State Unit on Aging

A RESOLUTION TO: Retain the Texas State Unit on Aging as the viable and visible state advocate and steward for services and opportunities for older Texans.

WHEREAS, The 55th Texas Legislature in 1957 established a committee on aging to study and develop policies regarding needs of aging, and in response to the recommendations of the original legislative committee, the Governor, in 1959, appointed on a continuing basis an interdepartmental committee on aging of all state agencies concerned with the needs of aging; and

WHEREAS, The 59th Texas Legislature in 1965 created the Texas State Committee on Aging as the state unit on aging to be known as the Governor's Committee on Aging to implement the Older American's Act, and the 67th Texas Legislature, in 1981, changed the name to the Texas Department on Aging to function as an independent state department; and the 78th Texas Legislature in 2003 passed HB 2292 to consolidate the Texas Department on Aging with the Department of Human Services and the mental retardation division of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and created the Department of Aging and Disability Services; and

WHEREAS, The older population is projected to increase from the current 2.8 million (13%) of the Texas population to 6.8 million (22%) in 2030, the state unit on aging is needed as the state advocate and steward for a full range of services and opportunities that allow older Texans to live healthy, dignified and independent lives; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED That, the 10th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend that the 79th Texas Legislature maintain the identity of the state unit on aging as the viable and visible state advocate for older Texans and preserve the functions within the state unit which have been of vital interest to Texas Legislatures since 1957.

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