

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO require nursing home resident deaths to be reported to the county or local coroner

WHEREAS, The latest Texas mortality figures for Nursing Facilities and Related Institutions shows over 27,000 deaths per year among residents in nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, over 90% of the deaths were of individuals over 60, and

WHEREAS, at this time the level of care in most cases is adequate, but due to state fiscal problems, there are fewer inspectors necessary for adequate supervision and further scrutiny is required; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED That, the 10th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend that the 79th Texas Legislature enact legislation to require that all nursing home deaths be reported immediately to the appropriate coroner; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That in all cases of death of an individual, who was a resident of a long-term facility, within five(5) days of entering the hospital, the hospital shall immediately report the death to the appropriate coroner.

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

the _____ Committee,

Chair

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

by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Chris Kyker, Speaker

ATTEST:

Al Campbell, Secretary