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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, May is Older Americans Month, and this occasion  
2 provides a fitting opportunity to recognize residents who are older  
3 for their many contributions to our state and nation; and

4           WHEREAS, This national observance traces its origins to April  
5 1963, when President John F. Kennedy and the National Council of  
6 Senior Citizens founded Senior Citizens Month, the prelude to Older  
7 Americans Month; at that time, there was growing concern about the  
8 number of older citizens who lived in poverty and the lack of  
9 services available to meet their needs; two years later, the Older  
10 Americans Act of 1965 established programs to help provide  
11 nutritional meals as well as health and social services to  
12 Americans age 60 and above; and

13           WHEREAS, Today, the Administration for Community Living  
14 helps oversee the observance of Older Americans Month; the theme  
15 for 2023 is "Aging Unbound," and the campaign encourages  
16 individuals to explore diverse aging experiences and to discuss how  
17 communities can combat stereotypes; this year's event also  
18 highlights the importance of staying active by volunteering,  
19 working, mentoring others, joining social groups, and  
20 participating in community activities; and

21           WHEREAS, The Lone Star State benefits immeasurably from the  
22 wisdom and experience of its residents who are older, and the  
23 observance of Older Americans Month celebrates the vital role they  
24 play in our communities; now, therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby recognize May 2023 as Older Americans Month.