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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many long-term care residents, professionals, and
2 volunteers are visiting the State Capitol today to celebrate the
3 quality care provided to our aging population through faith-based
4 and community-based organizations in Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, From the plains of the Panhandle to the piney woods
6 of East Texas, from the mountains of El Paso to the coastal waters
7 of the Gulf of Mexico, from the rural hills of Central Texas to the
8 urban streets of San Antonio, Houston, and Dallas, faith-based and
9 community-based organizations remain dedicated to serving aging
10 citizens of Texas; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 200 of these organizations have joined
12 together as the Texas Association of Homes and Services for the
13 Aging, and the men and women who make up this group are committed to
14 ensuring quality long-term care for our aging population; the
15 dedication and commitment of these family members, nurses,
16 administrators, and volunteer board members provide the foundation
17 for the future of long-term care in the Lone Star State; and

18 WHEREAS, Some 30,000 seniors from around the state receive
19 services from nonprofit organizations in their homes, in senior
20 housing facilities, in retirement communities and assisted living
21 facilities, in nursing homes, or in other community programs; and

22 WHEREAS, The organizations that provide long-term care have
23 as their primary mission a dedication to improving care and
24 sustaining the highest quality of life possible for our aging

1 population; this goal becomes increasingly important as the baby
2 boom generation is reaching retirement age; and

3 WHEREAS, The population of Texans age 60 and older is
4 projected to increase from 2.7 million in 2000 to 7.5 million by
5 2030, an increase of 176 percent; this increase in the senior
6 citizen demographic makes planning for long-term care a challenge
7 that is not only a worthwhile endeavor but a truly necessary goal;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize February 3, 2003, as Texas Association
11 of Homes and Services for the Aging Day at the Capitol and extend to
12 the delegation present on this day sincere best wishes for an
13 enjoyable and memorable visit.