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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Americans are living longer and healthier lives, and  
2 between 2000 and 2040 the nation's senior population is expected to  
3 increase by 193 percent; and

4           WHEREAS, While more than 2.7 million Texans, representing  
5 almost 10 percent of the state's population, are presently age 60 or  
6 older, it is projected that seniors will number 8.1 million, or 23  
7 percent of the Lone Star State's populace, by 2040; and

8           WHEREAS, Currently, over 1.4 million Texas seniors are  
9 licensed drivers, a number that is expected to grow significantly  
10 in the future, and it is important that members of this age  
11 demographic maintain active, independent lifestyles as long as  
12 possible; and

13           WHEREAS, It provides a social and economic benefit to Texas  
14 for seniors to continue driving as long as they can do so safely;  
15 moreover, safe mobility, including driving and walking, as well as  
16 alternative forms of convenient and reliable transportation, is  
17 essential for a satisfactory quality of life for seniors; now,  
18 therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby recognize June 2003 as Texas Senior Mobility  
21 Awareness Month.