

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 660

WHEREAS, Long-Term Care Ombudsman Day on April 21, 2003, honored those ombudsmen who advocate for nursing home residents, and the Texas Senate is proud to recognize these special men and women for their work on behalf of all those who live in nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, More than 800 long-term care volunteer ombudsmen serve as a vital resource to ensure quality of life and quality of care for the 90,000 older Texans who reside in the state's 1,120 licensed nursing homes and over 1,200 licensed assisted living facilities; and

WHEREAS, Many of these residents have no family or regular visitors who routinely check to assure that they receive the appropriate care to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, The ombudsmen receive specialized training and are certified by the Texas Department on Aging to be advocates in helping to protect the health, safety, welfare, and rights of residents and identifying, investigating, and resolving complaints by or on behalf of nursing home residents; and

WHEREAS, The well-being of residents in long-term care facilities is enhanced through regular contact with trained and certified advocates, who provide an important public service through complaint resolution, education, information, and assistance; and

WHEREAS, The long-term care ombudsmen are to be commended for their dedication and commitment to the residents of nursing homes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby recognize April 21, 2003, as Long-Term Care Ombudsman Day in Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for these outstanding Texans as an expression of high regard and appreciation from the Texas Senate.

Nelson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 23, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate