

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Denver Harbor Senior Citizens, Inc., is celebrating  
2 a joyous milestone on May 19, 2006, when it commemorates 25 years of  
3 service to the people of Houston's inner east side; and

4           WHEREAS, Since its inception, this outstanding nonprofit has  
5 fulfilled its original purpose of enhancing the quality of life for  
6 older residents through the provision of nutritious meals, served  
7 at the Denver Harbor Senior Citizens Center at 6402 Market Street;  
8 and

9           WHEREAS, With the expansion of its programming, "El Centro  
10 Alegre," or "The Happy Center," as it has been fondly nicknamed by  
11 seniors, now also serves as a place to meet friends for a game of  
12 dominoes, work on arts and crafts projects, enjoy monthly birthday  
13 celebrations, and make a reservation for an out-of-town trip;  
14 additional needs are met through telephone calls and home visits to  
15 the ill, information and referral services, weekly exercise  
16 programs, and biannual health screenings, while transportation to  
17 and from the center is available to those living within a certain  
18 distance; and

19           WHEREAS, Today, the center is ably guided by Richard  
20 Caldwell, executive director, with the support of Carmen Garza,  
21 assistant director, Rose Martinez, caseworker, and Elma Navarez,  
22 administrative aide; and

23           WHEREAS, Providing oversight is the board of directors, led  
24 by president Gloria Ayala, first vice president Jesse Castaneda,

1 second vice president Carolyn Lopez, secretary Virginia  
2 Villarreal, and treasurer Roy Zermenno; also sharing their time and  
3 expertise as board members are Moses Becerra, Rosemary Salazar, Joe  
4 M. Padilla, Graci Garces, Carolyn Ramirez, Elizabeth Jimenez, Eric  
5 Zuniga, Daniel Montez, Mary Ann Carrion, Judy Vacanti, and Theresa  
6 Z. Padilla; and

7 WHEREAS, The Denver Harbor Senior Citizens Center opened in  
8 1981, with Tlazalteotlzin Nelson as executive director; serving on  
9 the initial board were Judge Richard Vara, president, Tony Valdez,  
10 first vice president, Judy Martin Vacanti, treasurer, and Theresa  
11 Padilla, secretary, along with Edwardo Lopez, Albert Luna, Luis  
12 Mier, Joe Padilla, Joan Powell, Roger Pena, and Flora Suarez; and

13 WHEREAS, Through the years, the dedication of other area  
14 citizens has allowed this much-needed organization to continue to  
15 brighten the lives of countless seniors; those who have also  
16 contributed to the center's success include past executive director  
17 Martha Gonzales Flores and past board members Yolanda Aguilar,  
18 Ernest Arrendando, Iren Briones, Maria Flores, George Garcia,  
19 Delores Hernandez, Bertha Martinez, Frank Martinez, Rose Moreno,  
20 Richard Olivares, Jesus Padilla, Starla Reicek, Greg T. Reyes,  
21 Alfreida Rocha, Maria Santillan, Richard Torres, and Gerard Torres;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, For a quarter-century, Denver Harbor Senior  
24 Citizens, Inc., has promoted health, friendship, and safety for  
25 senior Texans, and it is a pleasure to commend its staff, board, and  
26 volunteers on a job well done; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

H.R. No. 680

1 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate all those  
2 associated with Denver Harbor Senior Citizens, Inc., on the 25th  
3 anniversary of its founding and extend to them sincere best wishes  
4 for a memorable observance; and, be it further

5       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the  
7 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 680 was adopted by the House on May 15, 2006, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House