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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 Zermenon; 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

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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.