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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens from across Texas are gathering at the
2 State Capitol on February 8, 2005, to celebrate this year's Senior
3 Day, themed "Seniors--The Heart of Texas"; and

4 WHEREAS, Today, there are approximately three million
5 residents of the Lone Star State who are 60 years of age or older,
6 and it is projected that, in 15 years, that number will have
7 increased to more than five million; and

8 WHEREAS, Reflecting the state's cultural, spiritual, and
9 ethnic diversity, these valued citizens have long devoted their
10 lives to making the Lone Star State a better place in which to live,
11 work, and raise families, making immeasurable contributions in such
12 important areas as education, industry, agriculture, space
13 exploration, information technology, literature, music, the fine
14 arts, and sports; and

15 WHEREAS, Countless elderly Texans relish their role as
16 grandparents, role models, and mentors, imparting their unique
17 wisdom and instilling many of the same values and principles in
18 younger generations that they learned from their parents and
19 grandparents; and

20 WHEREAS, Senior Texans have witnessed firsthand some of the
21 most significant moments of the 20th century; not only did they
22 weather the strenuous economic conditions of the Great Depression,
23 but during World War II, many members of the greatest generation
24 willingly laid down their lives to protect the ideals on which this

1 country was founded; whether they were soldiers on the front lines
2 or women working in factories back home, their sacrifices have
3 enabled democracy to flourish here and abroad; and

4 WHEREAS, Throughout our history, Texas has reaped the
5 benefits of the experience, vision, and leadership of our senior
6 citizens, and it is most fitting to honor them for their innumerable
7 contributions; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize February 8, 2005, as Senior Day at the
10 State Capitol and encourage all citizens to join in paying tribute
11 to these remarkable Texans.