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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Each year April 25 is celebrated as Red Hat Society
2 Day by members of the Red Hat Society across the globe; and

3 WHEREAS, The Red Hat Society is an international
4 "dis-organization" of women over the age of 50 who are devoted to
5 having fun and celebrating their lives; and

6 WHEREAS, Inspired by the poem "Warning" by the British writer
7 Jenny Joseph, which begins, "When I am an old woman I shall wear
8 purple/With a red hat that doesn't go and doesn't suit me," artist
9 Sue Ellen Cooper of Fullerton, California, founded the Red Hat
10 Society; its first meeting occurred on April 25, 1998, when Ms.
11 Cooper and five friends dressed in red hats and purple clothing and
12 met for tea; and

13 WHEREAS, Through the years, the society has grown from that
14 lively group into a sisterhood of more than 40,000 chapters in all
15 50 states and around the world; other than the requirement that its
16 members must wear red hats and purple clothing when they meet, the
17 society has no rules or bylaws; and

18 WHEREAS, Supported by their under-50 sisters, who may join as
19 Pink Hatters, the society has as its sole mission to enliven the
20 image of women over 50 through good humor and laughter; the group
21 promotes its mission through chapter meetings, conventions,
22 cruises, a series of books, and a new musical entitled *Hats!*; and

23 WHEREAS, Unaffiliated with any one race, religion, or
24 political party and embracing women from all walks of life, the Red

1 Hat Society simply and exuberantly celebrates the idea of women
2 getting better, wiser, and happier as they age; now, therefore, be
3 it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
5 Legislature hereby recognize April 25, 2007, as Red Hat Society Day
6 in Texas and extend to the group's members best wishes for their
7 continued success, long life, and happiness.