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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Many people in the United States who are blind or 2 otherwise visually impaired have the ability to travel throughout 3 their communities without assistance; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who are visually impaired, however, encounter hazards that a pedestrian with average vision could easily avoid, many of which involve crossing streets and roadways; and

WHEREAS, The white cane and guide dog should be generally recognized by the public as aids to mobility for individuals who are visually impaired and should serve as signals to motorists to be cautious; and

WHEREAS, Unfortunately, individuals who are visually impaired have had their white canes and guide dogs run over by motor vehicles, have been struck by the side-view mirrors of motor vehicles, and have suffered serious personal injury and death as the result of being hit by motor vehicles, and the American public needs to take serious note of these incidents and take measures to avoid their recurrence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas Legislature hereby encourage all Texans to associate the use of the white cane and guide dog with individuals who are visually impaired and to exercise greatly increased caution when driving in proximity to an individual who is potentially visually impaired; and, be it further

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- 1 RESOLVED, That the chief clerk of the house of
- 2 representatives forward an official copy of this resolution to the
- 3 president of the American Council of the Blind of Texas.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1937 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House