

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 994

WHEREAS, An affiliate of the American Council of the Blind, the American Council of the Blind of Texas strives to improve the quality of life for the people of our state who are visually impaired and to increase their independence, security, and equality of opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Many people in our state and nation who are visually impaired have the ability to travel throughout 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 Senate of the State of Texas, 80th 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 possibly visually impaired; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared and presented to the American Council of the Blind of Texas as an expression of regard for all Texans who are visually impaired.

Van de Putte, Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 14, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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