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R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature are
2 visiting the State Capitol on February 10, 2009; and
3   WHEREAS, Designed as a model legislature for senior citizens,
4 the first Silver-Haired Legislature was organized in Missouri in
5 1973, and since that time a number of states have established
6 similar programs; and
7   WHEREAS, The Texas Silver-Haired Legislature was created in
8 1985 with the assistance of enabling legislation passed during the
9 69th Texas Legislature, and its inaugural session was gaveled to
10 order in September 1986; the Silver-Haired Legislature serves as a
11 means of informing older Texans about the legislative process and
12 provides a forum where they can discuss issues particularly
13 affecting senior citizens; and
14   WHEREAS, Included among the visiting delegation is Billie
15 Erwin, a leader in the group's Coastal Bend district; this notable
16 Texan has served her fellow members with distinction on the
17 Executive and Election & Credentials Committees and as vice chair
18 of the Retirement & Aging Committee; and
19   WHEREAS, For more than two decades, Texans participating in
20 the Silver-Haired Legislature have rendered exemplary service to
21 their fellow citizens through their thoughtful, insightful
22 engagement in a wide array of public policy issues, and this program
23 is indeed deserving of recognition and commendation for its
24 contributions to the quality of life in the Lone Star State; now,

1 therefore, be it

2   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

3 Legislature welcome the members of the Texas Silver-Haired

4 Legislature to the State Capitol and commend them for their efforts

5 in behalf of senior citizens throughout the Lone Star State; and, be

6 it further

7   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

8 prepared for the group as an expression of high regard by the Texas

9 House of Representatives.