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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Senior Day is taking place on February 10, 2009, at  
2 the State Capitol, and this occasion offers a welcome opportunity  
3 to pay tribute to the many contributions made by the senior citizens  
4 of the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Texas Senior Advocacy Coalition,  
6 this year's event is focused on the theme "Seniors--the Heart of  
7 Texas"; that sentiment is indeed a fitting tribute to the  
8 significant role these individuals play in communities across our  
9 state; and

10 WHEREAS, Through the decades, they have helped Texas to  
11 achieve greatness in a broad range of fields, including industry,  
12 the arts, agriculture, education, information technology, space  
13 exploration, and more; and

14 WHEREAS, Witnesses to monumental events during their  
15 lifetimes, many residents age 60 and older have served their nation  
16 in times of war, and they have also helped maintain the peace in  
17 postings around the globe; and

18 WHEREAS, The experience and wisdom gained by senior Texans  
19 make them revered mentors and role models to younger generations;  
20 among the lessons they teach is the value of leading an active and  
21 healthy life well into the golden years, and their ongoing  
22 achievements are not only inspiring but also represent valuable  
23 contributions that greatly benefit their fellow citizens; and

24 WHEREAS, Today, Texas has approximately three million

1 residents over age 60, and that number is expected to grow to more  
2 than five million by the year 2020; strong in numbers and  
3 distinguished by their great endeavors, past and present, the  
4 seniors of the Lone Star State are a valuable resource for all  
5 Texans, and they are indeed deserving of respect and admiration;  
6 now, therefore, be it

7         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
8 Legislature hereby recognize February 10, 2009, as Senior Day at  
9 the State Capitol and extend to all participants best wishes for an  
10 enjoyable and rewarding visit to Austin.