## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Texas Silver-Haired Legislature, a volunteer,
nonpartisan organization that advocates for older Texans,
celebrated the 25th anniversary of its founding in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Created in 1985 by the 69th Texas Legislature, the TSHL is composed of 116 Texans, age 60 and over, who are elected by older, registered voters to represent the 28 Texas Area Agencies on Aging; collectively, those who serve in the TSHL volunteer more than 15,000 hours annually in service to their fellow seniors; and

WHEREAS, During their two-year terms, TSHL members identify 9 public policy issues affecting older citizens, research those 10 11 issues, and craft pertinent legislative proposals in the TSHL 12 legislative session, which is held every other year at the State Capitol; members subsequently present their legislative report to 13 14 the governor, state representatives and senators, state officials, and the Texas Aging Network; they also testify at senate and house 15 committee hearings on matters of concern to older residents; and 16

WHEREAS, Among the many significant laws passed relating to 17 TSHL resolutions have been Acts establishing the Legislative 18 Committee on Aging, creating the Silver Alert for missing seniors, 19 allowing grandparent caregivers to enroll their grandchildren in 20 21 school and to access state programs for their grandchildren, 22 requiring criminal history checks of employees and applicants at special care facilities, and setting up a volunteer advocate 23 24 program for elderly persons; and

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1 WHEREAS, For two and a half decades, the work of the Texas 2 Silver-Haired Legislature has promoted the engagement of older 3 Texans in the legislative process and contributed to improved 4 quality of life for older residents of the Lone Star State; now, 5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas 7 hereby commemorate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the 8 Texas Silver-Haired Legislature and extend to all those who have 9 ever been associated with the program sincere appreciation for 10 their invaluable service; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 12 prepared for the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature as an expression 13 of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 36 was adopted by the House on January 31, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 36 was adopted by the Senate on February 2, 2011, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

Governor