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H.C.R. No. 36

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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.