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H.R. No. 403

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Silver-Haired Legislature is celebrating
2 its 30th anniversary on February 16, 2015, and this occasion
3 provides a welcome opportunity to honor this noteworthy
4 organization; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1985, the 69th Texas Legislature authorized the
6 creation of the TSHL, which met for its first session in the house
7 chambers during the following interim; the group represents older
8 constituents, and its members, who are at least 60 years of age, are
9 elected to two-year terms by their peers in 28 districts across the
10 state; and

11 WHEREAS, The TSHL promotes good government for all Texans by
12 encouraging active participation in civic life; its members assist
13 in formulating legislative priorities and serve as a resource to
14 the public and private sectors on matters of concern to seniors; in
15 addition, the organization provides advocacy training to help
16 members become more effective in the civic life of their own
17 communities; and

18 WHEREAS, Over the years, TSHL involvement has resulted in
19 legislative action on a number of issues; such instances include
20 the passage of laws freezing city, county, and junior college
21 district taxes for elderly and disabled homeowners, creating the
22 Silver Alert for missing seniors, requiring criminal background
23 checks for employees at special care facilities, and providing
24 custodial grandparents with the ability to enroll their

1 grandchildren in school; moreover, the TSHL played a key role in the
2 establishment of the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging; and

3 WHEREAS, The vitality of our democratic system depends on the
4 engagement of an informed citizenry, and for three decades, the
5 Texas Silver-Haired Legislature has partnered successfully with
6 the Texas Legislature, serving as a vital source of wisdom,
7 knowledge, and experience; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Texas
10 Silver-Haired Legislature and honor the members of the organization
11 for their outstanding contributions to the Lone Star State; and, be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.