

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 166

WHEREAS, The Texas Silver-Haired Legislature is celebrating its 30th anniversary on February 17, 2015, and this occasion provides a welcome opportunity to honor this noteworthy organization; and

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

WHEREAS, The Texas Silver-Haired Legislature promotes good government for all Texans by encouraging active participation in civic life; its members assist in formulating legislative priorities and serve as a resource to the public and private sectors on matters of concern to seniors; in addition, the organization provides advocacy training to help members become more effective in the civic life of their own communities; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the organization's involvement has resulted in legislative action on a number of issues; such instances include the passage of laws freezing city, county, and junior college district taxes for elderly and disabled homeowners, creating the Silver Alert for missing seniors, requiring criminal background checks for employees at special care facilities, and providing custodial grandparents with the ability to enroll their grandchildren in school; in addition, the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature played a key role in the establishment of the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging; and

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

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the organization as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Nelson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 17, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate