

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 971**

**WHEREAS**, Members of the Denver Harbor Senior Citizens Center in Houston are celebrating the center's 35th anniversary in May 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Though it was officially established on June 6, 1980, the organization's roots can be traced back to the late 1970s, when a group of senior citizens in the Denver Harbor neighborhood began to gather for social and recreational activities; the group met in the area's one-room library for many years before moving in 2001 to a space in the newly constructed multiservice building in Denver Harbor Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Known to members as "El Centro Alegre," or "The Happy Center," the Denver Harbor Senior Citizens Center helps individuals 60 and older retain their sense of self-worth and purpose through daily amusements, such as dominoes and arts and crafts, while monthly birthday celebrations and field trips create opportunities for them to socialize and make new friends; and

**WHEREAS**, The center is funded by the United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast and the Area Agency on Aging, and it benefits from the leadership of its director, Juan Alejandro, and its board president, Roy Zermenio; under their expert guidance, the organization's caring and dedicated staff ensure seniors remain healthy through telephone and home visits to the ill, biannual health screenings, nutritional breakfasts and lunches, and weekly exercise programs; in addition, the center offers transportation for residents living within two and a half miles; and

**WHEREAS**, For 35 years, the Denver Harbor Senior Citizens Center has provided elderly residents with essential services as

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well as an important outlet to stay active and social, and the center is indeed deserving of recognition for its many contributions to the local community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Denver Harbor Senior Citizens Center and extend to all those associated with the center sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the center as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 25, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate