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Committee: Criminal Justice

RESOLUTION
Increase Penalties for Identity Theft

A RESOLUTION TO discourage “ Identity Theft” of Texans.

WHEREAS, “Identity theft” has increased to 750,000 cases annually in USA; and

WHEREAS, “Amounts of money stolen are incredible; this crime is a better take and the punishment for it is generally less” [*New York Times* June 2, 2002]; and

WHEREAS, As the population ages, seniors become more prosperous, and the technology [internet] advances, the opportunities are greater for theft; and

WHEREAS, Financial exploitation cases nationally has grown 61.4 percent since 1994 [*Silver Communications – Silver Springs MD 2002*]; and

WHEREAS, White collar corruption increases when there is a downturn in the USA economy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislative Session increase the penalties for the number one fraud complaint -“ Identity Theft” - to deter white collar criminals from taking advantage of all Texans, especially senior Texans.

PASSED AND APPROVED on September 17, 2002 by the Criminal Justice Committee.

William Zermeno, Vice Chairman

PASSED AND APPROVED on September 19, 2002, by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Chris Kyker, Speaker

ATTEST:

Jean McCloud, Secretary