

By: Jetta Roberts

No: T036

Committee: Health and Human Resources _____

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION To: Provide Adequate Funding For TDFPS Adult Protective Services In Texas

WHEREAS: Adult Protective Services is statutorily instituted to investigate the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of the elderly or disabled citizens of the State of Texas, and to provide protective services to those persons; and

WHEREAS: By Executive Order of the Governor of the State of Texas, Order No. RP33, issued April 14, 2004, motivated by reports that indicated serious fundamental and systemic problems within the APS Program in Region 10, in which El Paso County is situated, the Health and Human Services Commission was directed to oversee a systemic reform of Adult Protective Services;

WHEREAS: The preliminary findings of the Health and Human Services Commission confirmed that serious deficiencies exist in virtually all aspects of the APS program in the entire State of Texas, and confirmed that El Paso County APS program performance levels in Region 10 compare poorly with statewide averages; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: the 10th Texas Silver Haired Legislature urges that the 79th Legislature increase resources, to include allocation of sufficient budgetary funds, to the operation and administration of Texas Adult Protective Services in order for the agency to meet acceptable standards of operation as well as its obligations under the law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of September, 2004, by

the _____ Committee,

Chair

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of September, 2004, by

by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Chris Kyker, Speaker

ATTEST:

Al Campbell, Secretary