

Committee Assigned: _____

RESOLUTION

A Resolution authorizing DADS to review and comment on the EMS plans for the coastal counties of the state of Texas to assure that the evacuation plans and procedures and emergency shelters provisions for the elderly and the disabled of such counties are adequate to assure the health and welfare of these vulnerable populations in the event of any and all natural and man-made disasters be properly protected as well as their life and well-being.

WHEREAS, the United States of America proudly purports to protect the life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness of all of its citizens, and

WHEREAS, the elderly residents of the state of Florida suffered the greatest loss of life and limb as well as property as a result of the recent natural disaster, hurricane Charley, and

WHEREAS, the trend among the emergency management planners in coastal counties of Texas seems to focus on evacuation procedures with emphasis on personal responsibility for same, but a sizeable proportion of the elderly and disabled are, by nature, in need of special assistance in the evacuation process as well as an adequate number of safe emergency shelters for those who will not be able to evacuate or cannot do so, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED That the 10th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend that the 79th Texas Legislature authorize the Department of Aging and Disability Services to review and comment on the EMS plans for the coastal counties of the state of Texas to assure that the evacuation plans and procedures and the emergency shelter provisions for the elderly and disabled of such counties are adequate to assure that the health and welfare of these vulnerable populations in the event of any and all natural and man-made disasters be properly protected as well as their life and well-being.

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

the _____ Committee.

Chair

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of September, 2004, by the

Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Chris Kyker, Speaker

ATTEST:

Al Campbell, Secretary