

House Resolution 1187

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Scott of the 76th, Chandler of the 105th, Yates of the 73rd, Parrish of the 158th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing July 14, 2016, as Older Citizens Day; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, historically, the legislature has taken measures to protect and care for its elderly
3 citizens, first with the 1935 Social Security Act, next with the 1965 Older Americans Act,
4 which established the Administration on Aging, and later with the 1971 increase in budget
5 for the Older Americans Act, making it one of the nation's largest social services program
6 with a budget of more than \$900 million; and

7 WHEREAS, funding has more than doubled since 1971, and the enlarged Older Americans
8 Act program, supported by a budget of \$1.88 billion in 2014, includes seven main parts that
9 expand its size, reach, and capabilities; and

10 WHEREAS, it is important not to forget the role and importance of older citizens in our
11 society, and to support them accordingly; and

12 WHEREAS, the older citizens of our nation have helped build the world we now enjoy, and
13 undoubtedly deserve our recognition, commendation, and aid.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
15 the members of this body recognize July 14, 2016, as Older Citizens Day.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
17 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
18 public and the press.