

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, After 17 years with the Texas Racing Commission,
3 Paula C. Flowerday of Austin is concluding her service as the
4 agency's executive director in 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan earned her bachelor's degree in
6 history from Austin College in Sherman and her law degree from The
7 University of Texas School of Law; she is board certified in
8 administrative law and has previously worked as an attorney for the
9 legal division of the Texas Legislative Council; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Flowerday has been employed by the Texas Racing
11 Commission since its inception in 1988, and she has played an
12 important role in its growth and development through the years;
13 before her appointment as the "Queen of Racing" in 1998, she served
14 as the commission's general counsel for a decade and provided legal
15 advice while drafting rules and other documents and handling
16 proceedings pertaining to the regulation of horse and greyhound
17 racing; over the course of her employment with the commission, she
18 has provided compassionate, constant, and steady leadership,
19 established and implemented longstanding rules and policies, and
20 developed the process for and guided the agency through numerous
21 racetrack licensing hearings; and

22 WHEREAS, While Ms. Flowerday has brought her characteristic
23 integrity and dedication to all of her endeavors at the Texas Racing
24 Commission, she has also fostered an atmosphere of good humor and

1 pride at the agency among its employees that cannot be overstated;
2 whether setting the guidelines for the Halloween costume contest or
3 surprising an employee with a plate of cookies for a job well done,
4 she has set the tone for the agency she runs, and the State of Texas
5 has been all the better for her efforts; and

6 WHEREAS, In relocating with her family to Denton, Paula
7 Flowerday leaves behind a host of friends and colleagues who wish
8 her great happiness, though they will miss her unique collection of
9 racing hats, her laughter resounding through the office hallways,
10 and the knowledge and expertise she has shared to the benefit of
11 many during her years in state government; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
13 hereby congratulate Paula C. Flowerday for her exceptional tenure
14 as executive director of the Texas Racing Commission and commend
15 her for her exemplary career in state government; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Ms. Flowerday as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 36 was adopted by the Senate on May 17, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 36 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor