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S.C.R. No. 36

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, While Ms. Flowerday has brought her characteristic
22 integrity and dedication to all of her endeavors at the Texas Racing
23 Commission, she has also fostered an atmosphere of good humor and
24 pride at the agency among its employees that cannot be overstated;

1 whether setting the guidelines for the Halloween costume contest or
2 surprising an employee with a plate of cookies for a job well done,
3 she has set the tone for the agency she runs, and the State of Texas
4 has been all the better for her efforts; and

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

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

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