

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 honor Fiona Prendergast for her outstanding work as an intern in the
3 office of State Representative Debbie Riddle; and

4 WHEREAS, Transplanted to the Lone Star State from the United
5 Kingdom, Fiona Prendergast has long enjoyed, or endured, depending
6 on your point of view, the curiosity of strangers who hear her
7 accent and immediately ask her where she's from, to which she always
8 replies, "The Woodlands"; nevertheless, she remains adamant about
9 the proper use of a British accent, and never misses an opportunity
10 to malign Dick Van Dyke for his bad Cockney accent in *Mary Poppins*;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Prendergast apparently has no problem with Julie
13 Andrews, however, since *The Sound of Music* is her favorite movie,
14 and she has proposed to reenact a musical number from the film on
15 Sine Die; her own accent is charmingly on display whenever she
16 starts to hold forth on the subject of tomatoes and the moral
17 turpitude of people who pick the fruit off of their food yet
18 gleefully ingest it in the form of ketchup or salsa; no one else in
19 the office knows what she's talking about, of course, because she
20 says "to-mah-to," and they say "to-may-to"; and

21 WHEREAS, Despite a solitary schedule that has led other
22 interns to suggest that the British intern who can't keep shoes on
23 her feet, loves food from McDonald's, and laughs til she cries might
24 not actually exist, Fiona Prendergast has nevertheless mesmerized

1 all those who have had the pleasure of meeting her with her keen
2 intelligence and razor-sharp wit, and it is most fitting to
3 recognize her for a job well done; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby commend Fiona Prendergast for her service as an
6 intern in the office of State Representative Debbie Riddle and
7 extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Ms. Prendergast as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.

Riddle

H.R. No. 2726

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2726 was adopted by the House on May 27, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House