

PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas
41-3207

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

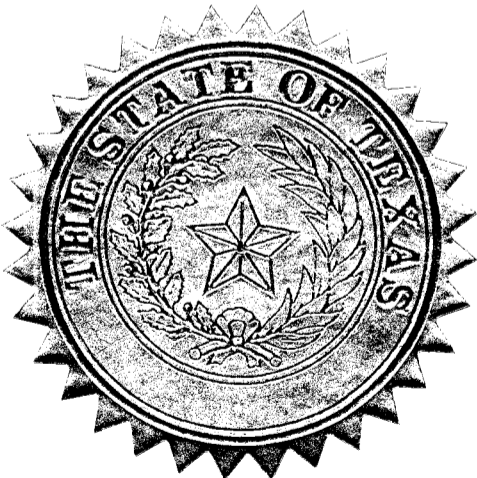
Pursuant to Article IV, Section 15, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Concurrent Resolution No. 252 as passed by the Eighty-first Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Concurrent Resolution 252 is a formal request by the 81st Legislature to create a Governor's Task Force on Horse and Greyhound Racing to promote and support racing and breeding programs in the state. Several of the responsibilities assigned to the task force in this resolution are already handled by the Texas Racing Commission (TRC). Other responsibilities, including review of the Texas Racing Act, are the duty of the Sunset Commission.

TRC already has the power to regulate "all persons and things relating to the operation of [race] meetings," so there is no reason to create a new task force that would duplicate recommendations for this industry. The industry will continue to develop ways to promote racing and breeding in the state without further government bureaucracy.

Although the legislature failed to pass legislation during the regular session to continue TRC, I will be calling the legislature back into special session to address the continuation of this and other state agencies before their sunset date. Therefore, I direct TRC, in conjunction with private industry, to fulfill the intentions of this resolution by studying the current state of horse and greyhound racing and breeding in Texas and making appropriate recommendations for the industry.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 19th day of June, 2009.

Rick Perry
RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

Coby Shorter III
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Deputy Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
2 PM O'CLOCK

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