SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, After 17 years with the Texas Racing Commission,

Paula C. Flowerday of Austin is concluding her service as the

agency's executive director in 2005; and

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

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

WHEREAS, While Ms. Flowerday has brought her characteristic integrity and dedication to all of her endeavors at the Texas Racing 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
- 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
- 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	In Callie
	Speaker of the House No. 36 was adopted by the Senate
on May 17, 2005	No. 30 was adopted by the senate
	Secretary of the Senate
I hereby certify that S.C.R.	No. 36 was adopted by the House
on May 25, 2005	
Approved:	Chief Clerk of the House
18 JUNE '05	
Rick Penny	