

RESOLUTION

In Support of Limited VLTs (Video Lottery Terminals) at Racetracks

WHEREAS, Sam Houston Race Park, Ltd. is a significant employer with a major impact on the economy of north Harris County; and

WHEREAS, Texas does not permit VLTs that provide monetary prizes to the players but all of the states adjacent to Texas (Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico) permit slot machines within the race tracks located within their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the increased revenue from VLTs in other states has enabled their race parks to substantially increase "purses" for individual races as well as enhance the facilities and operations, giving them a distinct advantage over race tracks located within Texas; and

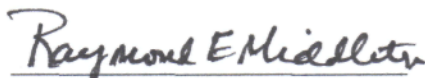
WHEREAS, the racing industry in Texas is slowly but surely declining as a result of the economic advantages held by the industry in the adjacent states due in part to small purses for winners as well as inability to maintain facilities and more expensive programs in Texas; and

WHEREAS, allowing VLTs limited to the confines of the race tracks located in Texas would allow them to compete on an equal footing with their competitors elsewhere and would provide for Texas needed additional tax revenues. VLTs in Texas would raise an estimated \$1 billion in additional state tax revenue each year; and

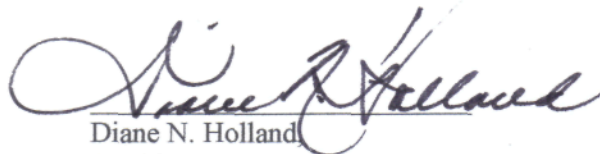
WHEREAS, numerous statewide polls show that a majority of Texans favor bringing VLTs to racetracks and that Texans want the right to vote on the issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Magnolia Parkway Chamber of Commerce and their individual association members hereby strongly urge the members of the Legislature of the State of Texas and in particular its legislative members from Harris County to actively pursue appropriate legislation enabling the race parks within the State of Texas to operate VLTs on their properties subject to appropriate taxation by the State of Texas.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of MARCH, 2011, by the Magnolia Parkway Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors as evidenced by the signatures of the Chairman and President.



Raymond E. Middleton
Chairman of the Board



Diane N. Holland
President

Our Right to Vote

I believe strongly in the right of self-government, that's why I ask you to support legislation allowing me and every other voter in Texas to determine if we want to allow slot machines at dog and horse tracks in Texas, or not - this choice is ours, guaranteed by the Texas constitution.

Whether the issue is adding slot machines or raising taxes, the choice should be ours.

On this issue we have the right to decide through a statewide referendum; we do want the legislature to determine whether or not we should be allowed to vote.

My signature below affirms my strong desire for you to support legislation allowing us to vote for or against the addition of slot machines at Texas racetracks, and any other significant issue coming to you in the form of legislation empowering a Constitutional election.

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