

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4661, by Representatives Quall, Anderson, Morris, Thomas and Dunn

WHEREAS, Horse racing is a tradition-filled sport worthy of respect and preservation; and

WHEREAS, Horse racing in Washington, the United States, and elsewhere has been subject to financial strain in recent years; and

WHEREAS, The popularity and financial viability of horse racing are in the interest of Washington citizens and posterity; and

WHEREAS, Mike Pegram, a resident of Mount Vernon, is an owner of prize winning thoroughbred horses; and

WHEREAS, Mike Pegram is an outspoken proponent of the horse racing industry who has been noted for his role in restimulating the public's interest in the sport; and

WHEREAS, Real Quiet, one of Mike Pegram's horses, won the Kentucky Derby and Preakness in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Real Quiet came within a nose-length of winning the 1998 Belmont Stakes and becoming the 12th horse in history to win all three races and the much-sought Triple Crown; and

WHEREAS, Mike Pegram, trainer Bob Baffert, jockey Gary Stevens, and Pegram-owned thoroughbreds Real Quiet and Silverbulletday all won coveted Eclipse Awards for 1998; and

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives wish to continue following in the footsteps of horse racing advocates like Mike Pegram by contributing its support to the tradition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington voice its praise and support for Washington's horse racing industry and all of its participants including, but not limited to, thoroughbred owners, jockeys, trainers, facility operators, and fans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend Mike Pegram for his generous support of horse racing and congratulate him on his outstanding successes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives to Mike Pegram.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4661 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 9, 1999.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

Dean R. Foster Co-Chief Clerk