

MOTION NO. 5752

A MOTION congratulating Longacres Racetrack on its 50th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, Longacres Racetrack is the oldest race course in continuous operation on the west coast, and

WHEREAS, the sport of thoroughbred racing in the State of Washington dates to the early 1900's, and

WHEREAS, the racing oval, grandstand and barns still in use at Longacres were constructed in 28 days for Joseph Gottstein with the aid of Benny Marcus Priteca in 1933, and

WHEREAS, Longacres Racetrack has become an important and integral part of the community, and

WHEREAS, the total thoroughbred industry in the State of Washington is valued at more than \$300 million, and

WHEREAS, there are more than 3,500 people employed at thoroughbred farms in the State of Washington, and

WHEREAS, the Washington Horseracing Commission licenses 10,000 people as owners, trainers, jockeys, grooms and in related occupations, and

WHEREAS, Washington-bred horses earned nearly \$15 million in purses throughout the country in 1982, and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington has collected more than \$100 million in taxes from parimutuel racing since 1933.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

Longacres Racetrack is congratulated on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary and commended for its contributions to the community and to the sport and industry of thoroughbred racing in the State of Washington.

PASSED this 6th day of June, 1983.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Attest:

Beverly M. Owens
Clerk of the Council

Paul Barden
Chairman