

A RESOLUTION calling upon the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and the Jockey's Guild to work together to address "losing mount" fees in Kentucky.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky is the Thoroughbred horse racing capital of the world; and

WHEREAS, Thoroughbred jockeys are among the best athletes in the world; and

WHEREAS, Thoroughbred jockeys are an integral and valued stakeholder in Thoroughbred racing; and

WHEREAS, Thoroughbred jockeys are engaged in an inherently dangerous profession; and

WHEREAS, The Kentucky Racing Commission sets "losing mount" fees for jockeys; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky "losing mount" fees are among the lowest in the country;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The members of the Kentucky House of Representatives do hereby encourage the Kentucky Racing Commission to convene meetings between the appropriate horseman's associations and the Jockey's Guild for the purpose of discussing losing mount fees. The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission is encouraged to convene the meetings as soon as possible and notify the Legislative Research Commission of the discussions no later than August 31, 2015.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Mr. John Ward, Executive Director, Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, 4063 Iron Works Parkway, Building B, Lexington, Kentucky 40511; and Mr. Terry Meyocks, The Jockey's Guild, Inc., 448 Lewis Hargett Circle, Suite 220, Lexington, Kentucky, 40503.