

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Elias "Shug" White.

2 WHEREAS, Elias "Shug" White holds a special place in this Commonwealth's
3 history, being one of the only living Kentuckians to have worked at the famous Kentucky
4 Association racetrack in Lexington; and

5 WHEREAS, although the Kentucky Association track closed in 1933, the legacy it
6 left in this Commonwealth still resonates to this day; and

7 WHEREAS, Shug White worked for a summer exercising horses, but spent many
8 years as a backside worker at the track. In October 2017, he was honored at the second
9 annual Phoenix Festival, which honors often-forgotten black men who played important
10 roles in the horse racing industry in the 1800s and early 1900s; and

11 WHEREAS, the Phoenix Festival takes its name from the Phoenix Stakes,
12 America's oldest Thoroughbred stakes race; and

13 WHEREAS, it is vital that Kentucky, with its deep roots in the horse racing
14 industry, honor those individuals who have often been forgotten to history but who played
15 instrumental roles in the shaping of the sport in this Commonwealth; and

16 WHEREAS, this body therefore honors Elias "Shug" White, a veteran of the United
17 States Army who served in World War II and the cherished husband of the late Alene
18 "Foots" H. White, and the father of Ronald (Mary) White, Donald (Clementine) White,
19 Ann Frances (Tony) Bickerstaff, and Vernessa (Curtis) Carter, for his service to the
20 Kentucky Association track, and for all he accomplished on behalf of the horse racing
21 industry in Kentucky;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

23 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
24 ***Kentucky:***

25 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby honor Elias "Shug" White, and
26 commend him for being honored at the Phoenix Festival.

27 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of and

- 1 gratitude to Elias "Shug" White.
- 2 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit four copies of this
- 3 Resolution to Senator Reginald Thomas for delivery to the family.