A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of John
Stephen Asher.

WHEREAS, John Stephen Asher was a proud resident of Louisville, Kentucky; and
WHEREAS, born in Leitchfield, Kentucky, John Asher was a graduate of Western
Kentucky University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in journalism; and
WHEREAS, John Asher was the longtime vice president of racing communications
at Churchill Downs. A former award-winning journalist, he was known for his legendary
knowledge of horse racing history and his insatiable curiosity about the world around
him; and

WHEREAS, John Asher joined Churchill Downs in 1997 and had served as vice
president of racing communications since 1999. He came to the track after winning five
Eclipse Awards for his reporting on Thoroughbred racing; and
WHEREAS, John Stephen Asher, tireless ambassador for the sport of kings and
beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother, departed this earthly life on August 27,
2018, leaving his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched in solemn
mourning; and

WHEREAS, John Asher was preceded in death by his mother, Delores Asher, and
aunt, Jennye Beeler. He is survived by his wife, Dee Asher; children, Heather Singleton
(Nicholas), Erin Asher, and Emma Asher; grandchildren, Caden "Little Shug" and
Cameron Singleton; brother, Tim Asher (Kathy); and a host of other family members,
friends, and loved ones who will dearly miss his presence in their lives;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

⇒Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
sympathy upon the passing of John Stephen Asher, and extend heartfelt condolences to
his family, friends, and the entire Churchill Downs community in this time of loss.
Section 2. The Senate acknowledges the profound contributions John Stephen Asher made to the sport of horse racing, and posthumously commends him for all he accomplished on behalf of the sport.

Section 3. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving memory of John Stephen Asher.

Section 4. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Dee Asher, 1106 Clerkenwell Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40207.