

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

3 WHEREAS, John Stephen Asher was a proud resident of Louisville, Kentucky; and

4 WHEREAS, born in Leitchfield, Kentucky, John Asher was a graduate of Western
5 Kentucky University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in journalism; and

6 WHEREAS, John Asher was the longtime vice president of racing communications
7 at Churchill Downs. A former award-winning journalist, he was known for his legendary
8 knowledge of horse racing history and his insatiable curiosity about the world around
9 him; and

10 WHEREAS, John Asher joined Churchill Downs in 1997 and had served as vice
11 president of racing communications since 1999. He came to the track after winning five
12 Eclipse Awards for his reporting on Thoroughbred racing; and

13 WHEREAS, John Stephen Asher, tireless ambassador for the sport of kings and
14 beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother, departed this earthly life on August 27,
15 2018, leaving his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched in solemn
16 mourning; and

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

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 express their most profound
26 sympathy upon the passing of John Stephen Asher, and extend heartfelt condolences to
27 his family, friends, and the entire Churchill Downs community in this time of loss.

1 ➔Section 2. The Senate acknowledges the profound contributions John Stephen
2 Asher made to the sport of horse racing, and posthumously commends him for all he
3 accomplished on behalf of the sport.

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

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