

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Joe Nevills upon winning a 2019 Media Eclipse Award.

2 WHEREAS, on December 27, 2019, the National Thoroughbred Racing
3 Association, *Daily Racing Form*, and the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters
4 announced the winners of the prestigious Media Eclipse Awards; and

5 WHEREAS, Joe Nevills, a resident of Georgetown, Kentucky, won in the
6 feature/commentary writing category for his piece "Biting the Dust: A Long Goodbye to
7 Mount Pleasant Meadows"; and

8 WHEREAS, "Biting the Dust" focuses on the demise of a small mixed-breed track
9 in Michigan, weaving the stories of a trainer, jockey, track announcer, and marketing
10 director and incorporating Mr. Nevills' own deep, personal history with thoroughbred
11 racing; and

12 WHEREAS, the Media Eclipse Award was a career-long dream for Joe Nevills,
13 who called his piece "a John Mellencamp song about horse racing, without the music."
14 The piece, which took Mr. Nevills five years to write, was as much a love song to a dying
15 track as an investigation into the real, often unheralded individuals who make up the heart
16 and soul of the thoroughbred racing industry; and

17 WHEREAS, this body rightfully honors a profoundly talented Kentucky writer on
18 this day who has achieved highest distinction in his field; and

19 WHEREAS, in so doing, the members grant Joe Nevills best wishes as he continues
20 to write about the horse racing industry, thank him for his extraordinary contributions to
21 journalism in this Commonwealth, and congratulate him upon winning a 2019 Media
22 Eclipse Award;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

26 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby honor Joe Nevills upon winning a
27 2019 Media Eclipse Award for his piece "Biting the Dust: A Long Goodbye to Mount

1 Pleasant Meadows."

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

3 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this

4 Resolution to Senator Damon Thayer.