

1 A RESOLUTION expressing support for the Quarter Horse industry and the
2 thousands of citizens in all Kentucky's 120 counties who love, own, show, race, and breed
3 Quarter Horses.

4 WHEREAS, the opening of the "Kentucky Territory" in 1775 by Daniel Boone
5 through the Wilderness Trail enabled "Celebrated Quarter Running Horses" from Virginia
6 to be the first breed in this region for over half a century; and

7 WHEREAS, an older historical marker near Lexington reads, "First Race Course:
8 Near this spot pioneers in 1780 established the starting point of the first race path in
9 Kentucky, extending southward one quarter mile"; and

10 WHEREAS, the American Quarter Horse Association has confirmed through its
11 modern computerized ownership records that there are over 30,000 registered Quarter
12 Horses in Kentucky in 2021, and these horses are owned by more than 10,000 residents;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, multi-purpose Quarter Horses are the most popular breed in the world,
15 and Kentucky can boast more than 20 organizations promoting specific sports or
16 disciplines; e.g. barrel racing, cutting, reining, and many more; and

17 WHEREAS, pari-mutuel Quarter Horse sprint racing was popular at two Kentucky
18 tracks that, due to various factors, no longer exist. In 1988 there was an 81-day quarter
19 meet at one track and a 59-day sprint-race meet at the other; and

20 WHEREAS, there are several places within the Kentucky Revised Statutes that
21 reference "a track for Quarter Horses." Yet there has been no licensed Quarter Horse
22 track, or a race meet, in Kentucky for three decades; and

23 WHEREAS, Kentucky lawmakers authorized nine race tracks, all of which are
24 formally operating, and six eligible racing breeds, including four that were crowded out
25 and are unserved: Appaloosas, Arabians, Paints, and Quarter Horses;

26 NOW, THEREFORE,

27 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*

1 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

2 ➔Section 1. This body urges and emphasizes appropriate recognition and support
3 of the Quarter Horse industry as an honored tradition and an important contributor to the
4 economic vitality of Kentucky in terms of agriculture, entertainment, and recreation.

5 ➔Section 2. This body further recommends that at least one of the limited pari-
6 mutuel race track licenses made available in Kentucky by this General Assembly be either
7 awarded, or held for timely awarding in the future, to a race track facility explicitly for
8 Quarter Horse, or so-called "sprint racing."

9 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
10 copy of this Resolution to the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, 4603 Iron Works
11 Parkway Building B, Lexington, Kentucky 40511.