

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 101

BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING AND HONORING GARY
3 STEVENS, A NATIVE IDAHOAN, FOR HIS LONG AND OUTSTANDING CAREER AND AC-
4 COMPLISHMENTS IN HORSE RACING.

5 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 WHEREAS, American Thoroughbred horse racing jockey, actor and sports
7 analyst Gary Stevens was born and raised in Caldwell, Idaho; and

8 WHEREAS, Gary Stevens won his first race at Les Bois Park in Boise,
9 Idaho, at the age of sixteen on Little Star, a horse trained by his father;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Gary Stevens has been one of the most successful jockeys in
12 history, reaching his 5,000th career victory in October 2005 at Belmont
13 Park, where he rode three-year-old filly Joint Aspiration to a two-length
14 victory in the Gaviola Stakes. He is one of twenty jockeys to reach such a
15 milestone; and

16 WHEREAS, Gary Stevens was bestowed the honor of receiving the George
17 Woolf Memorial Jockey Award in 1996, an award voted on by peers and given to
18 the rider whose personal character, leadership and career achievement bring
19 affirmative attention to the sport of horse racing. Gary Stevens later went
20 on to portray George Woolf in the 2003 Oscar nominated movie "Seabiscuit";

21 WHEREAS, Gary Stevens was inducted into the U.S. Racing Hall of Fame in
22 1997 at the age of 34 and won the Eclipse Award as North America's Outstanding
23 Jockey in 1998; and

24 WHEREAS, Gary Stevens won his first Kentucky Derby in 1988, riding Win-
25 ning Colors to victory and into the history books as only the third filly to
26 win the fabled race; and

27 WHEREAS, in addition to three wins in the Kentucky Derby, Gary Stevens
28 has won three Preakness Stakes, three Belmont Stakes, ten Breeders' Cup
29 races and a record nine Santa Anita Derbys; and

30 WHEREAS, Gary Stevens retired in 2005 to join NBC Sports and the TVG Net-
31 work as an on-air racing analyst. In 2008 he joined horse racing's HRTV net-
32 work while continuing to work with NBC Sports and acting in the TV series
33 "Luck"; and

34 WHEREAS, in 2013 Gary Stevens came out of retirement, returning to the
35 track and winning 69 of 383 races, including the Breeders' Cup Classic and
36 the prestigious Preakness Stakes atop Oxbow, becoming the oldest jockey at
37 the age of 50 to win the race.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-
39 sion of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Rep-
40 representatives concurring therein, that we recognize and honor Gary Stevens,
41 a native Idahoan, for his long and outstanding career and accomplishments in
42 horse racing.