

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Steve
2 Sexton.

3 WHEREAS, Steve Sexton, the former track president and executive vice president
4 of Churchill Downs Inc., departed this earthly life on December 12, 2016, leaving his
5 family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

6 WHEREAS, Steve Sexton served as president of Churchill Downs racetrack from
7 2002 until 2009. During that time he was an integral part of the improvement of the track,
8 and played a key role in some of the most momentous changes in its deep and
9 incomparable history; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2005, Steve Sexton obtained one million dollars in catastrophic
11 coverage for jockeys and urged charitable support of the Permanently Disabled Jockeys
12 Fund. In 2009, Mr. Sexton took over Churchill Downs Inc.'s entertainment division,
13 overseeing a massive rebuild that included 80 suites and multiple hospitality areas and
14 aiding in the creation of the Derby Red Carpet Show in affiliation with NBC Sports; and

15 WHEREAS, lauded as "one of the greatest racing executives of all time" by current
16 Kentucky Downs operator Corey Johnsen, Steve Sexton would resign from Churchill
17 Downs and move to Austin, Texas, where he was named president of Formula One
18 United States; and

19 WHEREAS, Steve Sexton, a man known for his loyalty, his unique vision, and his
20 kind heart, is survived by his beloved wife, Kim, and adoring children, Taylor and Kalli.
21 On behalf of Churchill Downs and the sport of Thoroughbred racing, the members of this
22 august body rightfully honor him on this day for his many accomplishments and
23 posthumously thank him for his service to one of this Commonwealth's most esteemed
24 institutions;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
2 sympathy upon the passing of Steve Sexton, and extend heartfelt condolences to his
3 family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

4 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
5 memory of Steve Sexton.

6 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
7 Resolution to Mrs. Kim Sexton, 7001 Whippoorwill Court, Colleyville, TX 760334.