

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the life and accomplishments of former Kentucky
2 Governor Brereton Chandler Jones.

3 WHEREAS, Brereton Chandler Jones was born on June 27, 1939, to the late
4 Bartow and Nedra Jones, and grew up in Point Pleasant, West Virginia; and

5 WHEREAS, Brereton Chandler Jones's athletic ability allowed him to secure a
6 football scholarship to the University of Virginia, where he was elected President of the
7 School of Commerce and served as a member of the school's renowned Honor
8 Committee; and

9 WHEREAS, after graduation, Brereton Chandler Jones moved to Huntington, West
10 Virginia, where he began a career in politics. He was elected to the West Virginia House
11 of Delegates at the age of 25, the youngest person to ever serve in that capacity; and

12 WHEREAS, Brereton Chandler Jones was elected as Republican Minority Leader
13 just two years into his time in the House of Delegates. He served for two terms and left
14 West Virginia politics to focus on his fledgling real estate and construction business; and

15 WHEREAS, Brereton Chandler Jones had many passions, but his dream was to
16 breed and raise Thoroughbred horses. His pursuit of this dream led him to visit Kentucky
17 and Keeneland racetrack, where he met his wife, Elizabeth Lloyd; and

18 WHEREAS, after moving to Kentucky, Brereton Chandler Jones immersed himself
19 in civic activities, focusing on improving public education and increasing access to
20 healthcare; and

21 WHEREAS, Brereton Chandler Jones was a staunch supporter of the Prichard
22 Committee for Academic Excellence and served on the University of Kentucky Board of
23 Trustees. He also served on the UK Chandler Medical Center Board and as fundraising
24 chair for the UK Markey Cancer Foundation; and

25 WHEREAS, Brereton Chandler Jones was drawn back into politics by his desire to
26 help others and propel his causes of education and healthcare. As a Democrat, he was
27 elected to serve as the 50th Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky from 1987 to 1991, and

1 went on to serve as the 58th Governor of Kentucky from 1991 to 1995; and

2 WHEREAS, Brereton Chandler Jones signed the most sweeping ethics reform
3 measures in Kentucky history. He subsequently called for legislation that expanded these
4 changes and signed laws that made the executive and legislative branches of government
5 more transparent and accountable to the people; and

6 WHEREAS, after completing service as Governor, Brereton Chandler Jones turned
7 his focus back to his family and his passion for raising Thoroughbreds. He built Airdrie
8 Stud and watched it grow into an internationally renowned Thoroughbred farm; and

9 WHEREAS, Airdrie Stud consists of more than 2,500 acres near Midway,
10 Kentucky. Much of this land is part of the famed Woodburn Stud, which was home to the
11 immortal Lexington during his 16-year reign as America's leading sire in the 19th
12 century. Woodburn was also the home of five Kentucky Derby winners and is known as
13 the birthplace of Kentucky's Thoroughbred industry. The property had not been used for
14 breeding for 70 years prior to the creation of Airdrie Stud; and

15 WHEREAS, horses bred at Airdrie have earned over \$115 million in purse money
16 since 2000. They have also raced in the Kentucky Derby, won three Kentucky Oaks, and
17 24 Grade 1 stakes races; and

18 WHEREAS, Brereton Chandler Jones was committed not only to Airdrie, but also
19 to the Thoroughbred industry as a whole. He was a founding member of the Kentucky
20 Equine Education Project and the Breeders' Cup, where he served as chair and treasurer,
21 respectively; and

22 WHEREAS, Brereton Chandler Jones was the recipient of the inaugural Industry
23 Vision Award for his significant contributions to Kentucky's horse racing industry in
24 October, 2016; and

25 WHEREAS, in his later years, Brereton Chandler Jones cherished time with his
26 beloved wife, children, and grandchildren. He took tremendous pleasure in attending his
27 grandsons' sporting events; and

1 WHEREAS, Brereton Chandler Jones is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Lloyd
2 Jones; his children, Lucy Simms Jones and Brereton (Bret) Chandler Jones, Jr.; his
3 daughter-in law, Tyler Bell Jones; and his grandchildren, James Brereton Jones, John
4 Lloyd Jones, Thomas Chandler Jones, and Wende Elizabeth Jones;

5 NOW, THEREFORE,

6 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
7 *Kentucky:*

8 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate do hereby honor the life and
9 accomplishments of former Kentucky Governor Brereton Chandler Jones and
10 posthumously recognize him for his dedication to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and
11 its citizens.

12 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
13 Resolution to Brereton (Bret) Chandler Jones, Jr., at 2641 Old Frankfort Pike, Midway,
14 KY 40347.