

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Edward S.
2 "Ned" Bonnie.

3 WHEREAS, Edward S. "Ned" Bonnie, a native son of the Commonwealth, was
4 born on October 29, 1929. He graduated from Hotchkiss School, Yale University, and
5 Yale Law School; and

6 WHEREAS, Edward S. "Ned" Bonnie established himself as an expert in equine
7 law, a member of the law firm that became Frost Brown Todd. Mr. Bonnie represented
8 owners, trainers, veterinarians, jockeys, feedmen, blacksmiths, and others in the horse
9 industry, argued for uniform drug rules and better testing standards for drugs, and
10 advocated for safety standards for helmets. He earned national notoriety by representing
11 Kentucky Derby winner Dancer's Image owner Peter Fuller in the drug scandal that
12 resulted in Dancer's Image losing the trophy; and

13 WHEREAS, Edward S. "Ned" Bonnie and his wife, Cornelia "Nina" Winthrop
14 Bonnie, owned a 530-acre horse and cattle farm in Oldham County that they later deeded
15 into a conservation easement with the Louisville/Jefferson County Environmental Trust.
16 Mr. Bonnie trained steeplechase horses and rode numerous winners at the Oxmoor
17 Steeplechase and the Hardscuffle Steeplechase near Louisville and Prospect, Kentucky,
18 respectively, and the Iroquois Steeplechase near Nashville, Tennessee. He was an
19 accomplished fox hunter and Master of Long Run Hounds from 1988 to 2014; and

20 WHEREAS, Edward S. "Ned" Bonnie was integral in the drafting of the 1978
21 Interstate Horseracing Act, which established the framework by which later simulcasting
22 would become an accepted method of wagering in the horse racing industry; and

23 WHEREAS, under Governor Steve Beshear, Edward S. "Ned" Bonnie served on the
24 Kentucky Horse Racing Commission. Mr. Bonnie was affiliated with the Thoroughbred
25 Owners and Breeders Association, the National Steeplechase Association, the Kentucky
26 Thoroughbred Association, The Jockey Club, and the United States Equestrian
27 Federation. He advised or served on the National Thoroughbred Racing

1 Association/Jockey Club Drug Testing Consortium, the Kentucky Equine Drug Research
2 Council, and the University of Kentucky Equine Research Foundation; and

3 WHEREAS, Edward S. "Ned" Bonnie received the Keene Daingerfield Award for
4 his contributions to the education and professionalism of stewards and judges from the
5 University of Louisville's Equine Industry Program; he was inducted into the American
6 College of Equine Attorneys Hall of Fame; and he was awarded the Edward S. Bonnie
7 Award for Outstanding Kentucky Equine Lawyer for 2012 by the Equine Law Section of
8 the Kentucky Bar Association. In 2002, Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie were given the Lifetime
9 Achievement Award for the advancement of equestrian sports from the United States
10 Equestrian Federation; and

11 WHEREAS, on March 17, 2018, Edward S. "Ned" Bonnie departed this earthly life,
12 leaving all whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

13 WHEREAS, Edward S. "Ned" Bonnie is survived by his beloved wife, Nina; his
14 sons, Shelby Bonnie and his wife, Carol, and Robert Bonnie and his wife, Julie Gomena;
15 his grandchildren, Mason, Henry, Virginia, and Lilly; and a host of other friends and
16 loved ones who will dearly miss his presence in their lives;

17 NOW, THEREFORE,

18 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
19 ***Kentucky:***

20 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
21 sympathy upon the passing of Edward S. "Ned" Bonnie, and extend heartfelt condolences
22 to his family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

23 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
24 memory of Edward S. "Ned" Bonnie.

25 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit one copy of this
26 Resolution to Senator Ernie Harris for delivery to the family.