

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION celebrating the 50th birthday of Secretariat and
2 recognizing the festival held in his honor in Paris, Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, Secretariat was born on March 30, 1970, at The Meadow in Doswell,
4 Virginia, but lived the majority of his life at Claiborne Farm in Paris, Kentucky; and

5 WHEREAS, Secretariat was a legendary Thoroughbred racehorse whose name
6 reigns supreme in the history of racing; and

7 WHEREAS, Secretariat won the Triple Crown in 1973, and his record times remain
8 unsurpassed in the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness and the Belmont Stakes; and

9 WHEREAS, Secretariat is the most celebrated racehorse of all time and has forever
10 raised the bar by which all Thoroughbreds are measured, gracing the covers of *Time*,
11 *Sports Illustrated*, and *Newsweek* and being named the only non-human ranked among
12 ESPN's 50 Greatest Athletes of the 20th Century; and

13 WHEREAS, after his Triple Crown victory and the completion of his racing career,
14 Secretariat was flown to Claiborne Farm in Paris, Kentucky, where he sired 582
15 offspring, including 41 stakes winners; and

16 WHEREAS, 2015 Triple Crown winner American Pharoah is the great-great-great-
17 grandson of Secretariat; and

18 WHEREAS, Secretariat crossed life's final finish line on October 4, 1989; and

19 WHEREAS, each year hundreds visit his grave at Claiborne Farm in Paris,
20 Kentucky; and

21 WHEREAS, Secretariat's 50th celebration will be held in Paris, Kentucky; and

22 WHEREAS, this year Legends of Bourbon County will host the Big Red Gala: A
23 Celebration of Secretariat's 50th Birthday, which will be Kentucky's official anniversary
24 celebration of the famous Triple Crown winning racehorse's 50th birthday; and

25 WHEREAS, the festival will be held April 16th through April 19th and boasts
26 attractions including Claiborne Farm tours, displays of Secretariat memorabilia, a
27 Thoroughbred market vendor fair, concerts, a 10k race, a drive-in showing of the movie

1 *Secretariat*, cycling events and an equine parade, among other events; and

2 WHEREAS, this event is an important milestone to celebrate for not only horse
3 lovers, but festivalgoers, 10k runners, concert lovers, and tourists from all over the United
4 States and beyond, as the celebration is expected to bring in 10,000-20,000 people and
5 will be a great tourism opportunity for Bourbon County and the Commonwealth;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

7 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
8 *Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:*

9 ➔Section 1. The General Assembly hereby celebrates Secretariat's 50th birthday,
10 and acknowledges Claiborne Farm and the community of Paris, Kentucky, for keeping his
11 legacy alive.

12 ➔Section 2. When the General Assembly adjourns this day, it does so in
13 celebration of Secretariat's 50th birthday, and recognizing the festival to be held in his
14 honor in Paris, Kentucky.

15 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
16 copy of this Resolution to Representative Matthew Koch for delivery.