

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, Secretariat was flown to Claiborne
14 Farm in Paris, Kentucky, where he sired 582 offspring, including 41 stakes winners; and

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, the Bourbon County Secretariat Festival in Paris, Kentucky, annually
21 celebrates the life and legacy of Secretariat; and

22 WHEREAS, this year Paris, Kentucky, will host Secretariat's 50th Celebration: A
23 Legends of Bourbon County Festival, 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 the week of April 14th and boasts attractions
26 including Claiborne Farm tours, displays of Secretariat memorabilia, a Thoroughbred
27 market vendor fair, concerts, a 10k race, a drive-in showing of the movie Secretariat,

1 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.