

A RESOLUTION acknowledging Kentucky's 28th Senate District as the birthplace of American Pharoah.

WHEREAS, American Pharoah was born in Lexington, Kentucky, on February 2, 2012, and spent six months at Tom VanMeter's Stockplace Farm in Clark County; and

WHEREAS, American Pharoah is owned by Ahmed Zayat and trained by the legendary Bob Baffert, and was heralded early in his life for his calm demeanor and exquisite temperament; and

WHEREAS, American Pharoah made his racing debut as a two-year-old at the Del Mar Racetrack, where he finished fifth. After that race he would be ridden exclusively by jockey Victor Espinoza, and the pair would go on to make sports history together; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2015, at historic Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky, American Pharoah was the favorite in the 141st running of the Kentucky Derby. In sloppy conditions, American Pharoah held off the field to win by a length and positioned himself as the favorite in the second leg of the Triple Crown; and

WHEREAS, American Pharoah went on to win the Preakness and on June 6, 2015, in front of 90,000 people at New York's Belmont Park, won the Belmont Stakes to become the first thoroughbred in 37 years to capture one of the most elusive prizes in sports, the Triple Crown; and

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2015, at Keeneland in Lexington, Kentucky, American Pharoah made a homecoming for the ages by completing the first "Grand Slam" in horseracing history, winning the Breeders' Cup Classic and setting the track record; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body commends American Pharoah for his remarkable achievements in the sport of Thoroughbred racing, and in so doing acknowledges Kentucky's 28th Senate District; Tom VanMeter, owner of Stockplace Farm; and all those in this great Commonwealth who have championed this world class athlete on his way to sports immortality;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The Senate hereby acknowledges Kentucky's 28th Senate District as the birthplace of Triple Crown winner American Pharoah.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of American Pharoah.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Ralph Alvarado for delivery.