



Resolution in Memory of Glenn Douglas Petty

WHEREAS, Glenn D. Petty had a life-long love of the horse industry;

WHEREAS, Glenn D. Petty served as a member and chair of the Virginia Horse Industry Board;

WHEREAS, Glenn D. Petty played an integral role in bringing parimutuel wagering to the Commonwealth of Virginia, strengthening its thoroughbred industry and made an impact in many other aspects of the equine industry in his four plus-decade career;

WHEREAS, Glenn D. Petty answered Ernie Oare's call in the spring of 2014 to use his extensive operational, managerial, and financial restructuring experience to help rescue the *de facto* bankrupt Virginia Horse Center;

WHEREAS, Glenn D. Petty led the Virginia Horse Center Foundation through a time of turmoil as its Interim Executive Director from April 2014 to January 2015 when he was side-lined by lymphoma;

WHEREAS, Glenn D. Petty used his intelligence, astuteness, humor, and journalistic skills to develop, in cooperation with Ernie Oare and John Nicholson, a strategy to address the financial and operational challenges faced by the Virginia Horse Center;

WHEREAS, Glenn D. Petty brought his integrity, compassion, and desire for honesty and transparency to working with the Virginia Horse Center's diverse stakeholders to resolve a dire situation;

WHEREAS, Glenn D. Petty began the process of rebuilding damaged relationships with the USDA, Commonwealth of Virginia, Rockbridge County, and the City of Lexington and winning the trust of disaffected donors;

WHEREAS, despite his ill health, Glenn D. Petty continued to serve as a trusted advisor to John D. Nicholson who succeeded him as CEO of the Virginia Horse Center Foundation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board and Staff of the Virginia Horse Center Foundation mourn with the family of Glenn D. Petty for their, and our, loss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board and Staff of the Virginia Horse Center Foundation extend their deepest condolences to Amy, Anna Galina, and Toly.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Board of the Virginia Horse Center Foundation recognizes and appreciates the critical contributions that Glenn D. Petty made to creating a foundation for today's vibrant Virginia Horse Center.

Adopted by the Board of Directors on this 20th day of May 2022.