
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 733 Session of
2004

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WOJNAROSKI AND WRIGHT, MAY 11, 2004

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 11, 2004

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Pat and Roy Chapman, John Servis and Stewart Elliott
2 for utilizing their expertise in horse breeding, training and
3 racing, respectively, to nurture the abilities of Smarty
4 Jones, the thoroughbred who won this year's Kentucky Derby.

5 WHEREAS, On May 1, 2004, Someday Farms' Pennsylvania-bred and
6 Pennsylvania-trained three-year-old colt, Smarty Jones, outraced
7 a field of 18 in the 131st Run for the Roses at Churchill Downs
8 in Louisville, Kentucky, and was crowned as the winner of this
9 year's Kentucky Derby; and

10 WHEREAS, Smarty Jones was born on February 28, 2001, at
11 Someday Farms and named by his owners, Pat and Roy Chapman,
12 after Mrs. Chapman's mother who was also born on February 28 and
13 whose nickname was "Smarty Jones"; and

14 WHEREAS, Sired by Elusive Quality, who has sired 14 stakes

1 winners, and by I'll Get Along, who has won 12 times in 39
2 starts, Smarty Jones has been trained by John Servis, a gifted
3 second-generation horse trainer from Bensalem; and

4 WHEREAS, Smarty Jones made the first two starts of his racing
5 career at Philadelphia Park in Bensalem and entered the 2004
6 Kentucky Derby as a leading contender with an undefeated racing
7 career, becoming the first undefeated Kentucky Derby champion
8 since Seattle Slew in 1977; and

9 WHEREAS, This year's Kentucky Derby entry was the first for
10 Servis and for Smarty Jones' jockey, Stewart Elliott, who has
11 been the leading rider for the past three years at Philadelphia
12 Park and the winning jockey of nearly 3,300 races; and

13 WHEREAS, Undefeated in now seven starts at seven different
14 distances by an aggregate 36 lengths, Smarty Jones displayed
15 great heart, courage and intelligence before the Derby crowd of
16 140,000 spectators and is only the second Pennsylvania-bred
17 horse to win the Kentucky Derby since Lil E Tee won in 1992;
18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize Pat and
20 Roy Chapman, John Servis and Stewart Elliott, for their
21 respective roles in the 2004 Kentucky Derby win by Smarty Jones;
22 and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
24 Pat and Roy Chapman, John Servis and Stewart Elliott.