

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2019

A RESOLUTION HONORING JOHN S. ASHER BY DEDICATING A PORTION OF CENTRAL AVENUE TO BE NAMED “JOHN S. ASHER WAY” IN HIS HONOR.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBERS TRIPLETT, FOX, GREEN, SHANKLIN, DORSEY, SEXTON SMITH, PURVIS, MCCRANEY, COAN, HOLLANDER, MULVIHILL, KRAMER, BLACKWELL, FOWLER, REED, WINKLER, PARKER, PIAGENTINI, BENSON, GEORGE, ENGEL, PEDEN, YATES, ACKERSON, AND PRESIDENT DAVID JAMES

WHEREAS, John Stephen Asher was an iconic member of Churchill Downs and the Louisville community;

WHEREAS, John was born on November 22, 1955 in Leitchfield, Kentucky and died on August 27, 2018;

WHEREAS, John graduated from Western Kentucky University with a degree in Journalism and was later recognized as the “Public Relations Practitioner of the Year” by the Western Kentucky University School of Journalism and Broadcasting and also received the Summit Award for his volunteer efforts at the university;

WHEREAS, John was an award-winning radio journalist at WHAS-AM and WAVE-AM in Louisville where he earned five Eclipse Awards for Outstanding National Radio Coverage of Thoroughbred Racing and countless other honors, including the National Headliner and Scripps-Howard Award and being named “Best Reporter” in large market radio in Kentucky by the Associated Press seven times;

WHEREAS, in 2010, John was selected as one of Leadership Louisville’s Connectors for his distinctive style of trusted leadership in the community;

WHEREAS, John joined Churchill Downs in 1997 and became the Vice President of Racing Communications at Churchill Downs in 1999;

WHEREAS, John and his wife, Dee, have three children, Heather, Erin, and Emma, two grandchildren, Caden and Cameron, and a very large extended family; and

WHEREAS, Metro Council wishes to honor John for his leadership and dedication to the Louisville community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: John Asher’s leadership and dedication to Louisville Metro is hereby recognized with the placement of honorary street signs on Central Avenue at the intersections of Taylor Boulevard, 9th Street, and 4th Street and so designated as “John S. Asher Way.”

SECTION II: The Department of Public Works is hereby directed to move forward with the fabrication of four honorary signs upon the passage of this Resolution and the receipt of funds to cover the expense. The installations of two honorary signs are to be on Central Avenue at the intersections of Taylor Boulevard and 4th Street. Another sign will be paid for by Churchill Downs and given to the family of John Asher. Churchill Downs has agreed to install the last sign at Central Avenue and 9th Street at the expense of Churchill Downs.

SECTION III: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

H. Stephen Ott
Metro Council Clerk

David James
President of the Council

Greg Fischer
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O’Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

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