



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Media Contact: Tonya Abeln

(502) 386-1742

Tonya.Abeln@kyderby.com

Statement from Churchill Downs Incorporated CEO Bill Carstanjen on the Passing of Ulysses Lee “Junior” Bridgeman

Louisville, KY., (March 11, 2025) – Churchill Downs Incorporated (“CDI”) CEO Bill Carstanjen released the following statement today in response to the passing of Ulysses Lee “Junior” Bridgeman, an active member of the CDI Board of Directors since 2012.

“Junior was not just an esteemed member of the CDI Board of Directors, but a one-of-a-kind figure who embodied the spirit of the Kentucky Derby and whose entrepreneurial vision and commitment were instrumental in shaping our company. His insights and leadership were invaluable, steadily advising us through opportunities and challenges with grace, calm and wisdom.

Over the course of a lifetime, you can count yourself lucky if you meet one person like Junior Bridgeman. His kindness and humility masked a life of extraordinary accomplishment and profound impact that extends far beyond our organization; he has indelibly shaped the fabric of Louisville, inspiring countless individuals with his sage leadership and generosity. All of us at Churchill Downs are devastated by his passing.

We extend our deepest heartfelt condolences to his wife, Doris and his children Eden, Justin and Ryan, and we join his family and countless friends in mourning the loss of this great man and dear friend.”