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House Resolution

A resolution commending the National
Association of Stock Car Auto Racing on its
50th anniversary.

WHEREAS, motorsports are America's fastest growing and
most exciting sports venue in the closing days of the 20th
Century, and

WHEREAS, motorsports events have become the largest
sporting events in Florida in terms of consistent fan interest
and support, both in terms of actual gate ticket sales and
mass media audiences, and

WHEREAS, stock car racing was created and fostered as a
unique Florida sport by the entrepreneurship of William H.G.
France, Sr., on the hard sands of Daytona Beach, and

WHEREAS, the necessity for a firm and responsible
authority to self-regulate this complex and popular sport led
to the creation by William H.G. France, Sr., in 1948 of the
National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR), and

WHEREAS, NASCAR now regulates a major American sport on
a par with the National Football League, the National
Basketball Association, the National Hockey League, Major
League Baseball, and the Professional Golfers' Association,
and

WHEREAS, NASCAR has through its effective regulation
achieved an image for its drivers, teams, and sponsors of
clean living, honesty, family values, and fan appreciation
unparalleled by the athletes in any other sport, and

WHEREAS, NASCAR events provide a significant and
growing contribution to the Florida tourist industry, entirely

1 through sound management, creative promotion, and strategic
2 planning without benefit of public moneys, and

3 WHEREAS, the officials of NASCAR have a firm and
4 resolute commitment to the highest ideals of American sports
5 ethics, and an everlasting dedication to the satisfaction of
6 the fans of motorsports, NOW, THEREFORE,

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8 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
9 Florida:

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11 That this uniquely Floridian and especially American
12 organization be recognized and applauded during this, the 50th
13 anniversary year of its founding, and that the individual
14 members of the family of William H.G. France, Sr., who carry
15 on his high ideals and lofty purposes in the maintenance of
16 the great sport of stock car auto racing be congratulated and
17 encouraged for their continuing devotion to his legacy.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
19 be presented to William H.G. France, Jr., as a tangible token
20 of the sentiments expressed herein.

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