

By Representative Posey

House Resolution

A resolution in memory of Dick Joslin.

WHEREAS, Dick Joslin followed his childhood friend Glenn "Fireball" Roberts to racetracks until he started his own racing career, competing at such local racetracks as the Orlando Raceway, Sunbrook Speedway, and the DeLand Fairgrounds, and

WHEREAS, by the early 1950's, Dick Joslin was one of the most recognized drivers in Central Florida, including as a driver of O.H. Howard's #17 and #71 sportsman modified entries, in which he won many track titles and was a two-time Florida State Dirt Track Champion, and

WHEREAS, Dick Joslin ran his first Daytona Beach Road Race in 1952 and became Promoter M.L. Vaughan's "hired gun," using his winning ability to stop too-frequent winners at Vaughan's Jacksonville and Oglethorpe (Savannah) Speedways, and

WHEREAS, after winning the prestigious Daytona 100-mile Sportsman Race and then placing fifth the next day in the modified race with the same car, Dick Joslin relocated to drive George Miller's #356 cars formerly driven by NASCAR champ Jack Choquette, and

WHEREAS, Dick Joslin continued winning both sportsman and modified races with the sportsman car, including the Tournament of Champions at Memorial Stadium in Daytona, the Palmetto Speedway in Columbia, South Carolina, one of the toughest tracks to win in the country in 1954, and many other races in the Carolinas, and

WHEREAS, when he was not winning, Dick Joslin was a top five or ten finisher, including at the first Grand National

1 (now the Winston Cup), driving J.C. VanLandingham's new Buick
2 Century, and during the 1956 NASCAR Convertible circuit season
3 against highly financed factory teams, and

4 WHEREAS, Dick Joslin drove in the first two Daytona
5 500's and was a charter member of the Darlington Record Club,
6 whose first-year members included Richard Petty, Fireball
7 Roberts, Marvin Panch, and Cotton Owens, and

8 WHEREAS, Dick Joslin won many short track circuit races
9 and finished tenth in the Daytona Convertible during 1957, ran
10 the first and second Daytona 500 and Firecracker 250 races
11 beginning in 1959, and became a charter member of the Unocal
12 Record Club at Darlington in 1960, and

13 WHEREAS, Dick Joslin raced locally during 1961 and 1962
14 and, after winning his last race in a late model built by
15 Dumont Smith, he became pit manager at Orlando Raceway and
16 then promoter and owner promoter at Orlando Raceway, where he
17 remained until his death in 1972, and

18 WHEREAS, in addition to his winning career, Dick Joslin
19 will be remembered for forming the Southeastern Promoter's
20 Auto Club (SEPAC), which brought all area tracks under
21 standardized rules, NOW, THEREFORE,

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23 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
24 Florida:

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26 That the House of Representatives pauses in its
27 deliberations to honor the achievements of Dick Joslin.

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