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House Resolution

A resolution designating April 29, 2005, as "Dale Earnhardt Day" in Florida.

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WHEREAS, NASCAR racing legend Dale Earnhardt, born April 29, 1951, in Kannapolis, North Carolina, won many stock car races at all levels in Florida as well as in numerous other states, and

WHEREAS, known as The Intimidator, Dale Earnhardt brought excitement and joy to his many fans in Florida and throughout the entire world by his phenomenal accomplishments, including his winning seven Winston Cup championships, a NASCAR record, and

WHEREAS, Dale Earnhardt amassed 76 Winston Cup victories during his more than 30-year racing career and established a track record of 34 wins at the Daytona International Speedway, and

WHEREAS, never one to turn back from a challenge, Dale Earnhardt, in his twentieth attempt, won the fortieth annual Daytona 500, and

WHEREAS, as President of Dale Earnhardt, Inc., in 1999, the legendary racer claimed the NASCAR Busch Series Owner's championship at the Homestead-Miami Speedway in Homestead, and, on five occasions, he was named Driver of the Year by the National Motorsports Press Association, and

WHEREAS, an outstanding sportsman and citizen whose indomitable character and determination inspired young people the world over, Dale Earnhardt, on February 18, 2001, was

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tragically taken from his family, his friends, and his fans on the final lap of the Daytona 500, and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to pay tribute to the life of this extraordinary individual who meant so much to the people of this state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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That April 29, 2005, is designated as "Dale Earnhardt Day" in Florida.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Earnhardt family as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.