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## House Resolution

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2 A resolution recognizing Juan Pablo Montoya for  
3 achievements in sports car racing and for his humanitarian  
4 efforts on behalf of children.  
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6 WHEREAS, Juan Pablo Montoya was born September 20, 1975, in  
7 Bogotá, Colombia, and started kart racing at the age of 6 under  
8 the supervision of his father, Pablo, capturing Colombian local  
9 and national titles in the Children's Kart Championships and  
10 Kart Komet Division spanning the years 1984-1989 and Kart Junior  
11 Championships in 1990 and 1991, and

12 WHEREAS, Juan Pablo Montoya competed in the Formula 3000  
13 Series for 2 years, earning 7 wins and the series championship  
14 in 1998, and in the CART Championship Series for 2 years,  
15 earning 10 wins and the series championship in 1999, a year in  
16 which he also won Rookie of the Year by winning 7 races,  
17 including 3 in a row, both of which are rookie records, and

18 WHEREAS, in 2000, Juan Pablo Montoya, racing for Chip  
19 Ganassi and starting in the second position, won the  
20 Indianapolis 500 in his first trip to the Brickyard, and

21 WHEREAS, Juan Pablo Montoya competed in Formula One from  
22 2001-2006 for BMW Williams and McLaren Mercedes, amassing 7  
23 wins, 30 podium finishes, and 13 poles positions, and

24 WHEREAS, in 2007, Juan Pablo Montoya won the Rolex 24 Hours  
25 of Daytona, the NASCAR Busch Series Telcel-Motorola 200 in  
26 Mexico City, and the NASCAR Nextel Toyota/Save Mart 350 in  
27 Sonoma, he finished second in the NASCAR Nextel Allstate 400,

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28 | and he became the first non-American driver to win NASCAR's  
29 | Rookie of the Year, and

30 |       WHEREAS, in 2008, Juan Pablo Montoya, won the Rolex 24  
31 | Hours at Daytona for the second consecutive year, assisted by  
32 | teammates and friends Dario Franchitti, Scott Pruett, and Memo  
33 | Rojas, and

34 |       WHEREAS, Juan Pablo Montoya, as a United Nations Goodwill  
35 | Ambassador, and his wife, Connie Freydell, founded the Formula  
36 | Smiles Foundation to help children in impoverished areas, NOW,  
37 | THEREFORE,

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39 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
40 | Florida:

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42 |       That it is fitting that Juan Pablo Montoya is recognized  
43 | for his hard work and excellence in sports car racing and his  
44 | humanitarian efforts on behalf of children.

45 |       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
46 | presented to Juan Pablo Montoya as a tangible token of the  
47 | sentiments expressed herein.