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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing Jimmie Johnson for his  
3 achievements in the sport of stock car racing and for his  
4 humanitarian efforts through the Jimmie Johnson  
5 Foundation.

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7 WHEREAS, Jimmie Johnson was born on September 17, 1975, in  
8 El Cajon, California, and began his career racing motorcycles at  
9 the age of five, and

10 WHEREAS, in 1998, Jimmie Johnson joined the American Speed  
11 Association racing circuit, thereafter began racing stock cars  
12 in the NASCAR Nationwide Series, and by 2000 was a full-time  
13 NASCAR Nationwide Series driver, and

14 WHEREAS, in 2002, Jimmie Johnson started racing stock cars  
15 full time in the Sprint Cup Series, NASCAR's premier series, and

16 WHEREAS, behind the wheel of owner Rick Hendrick's #48  
17 Lowe's/Kobalt Tools Chevrolet Impala SS, NASCAR Sprint Cup  
18 driver Jimmie Johnson won four consecutive NASCAR Sprint Cup  
19 Series Championships in 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009, and

20 WHEREAS, in 2006, Jimmie Johnson established the Jimmie  
21 Johnson Foundation, which has since raised more than \$3 million  
22 to assist children, families, and communities in need throughout  
23 the United States, and

24 WHEREAS, the Jimmie Johnson Foundation has helped save tens  
25 of thousands of lives through blood and marrow drives and by  
26 assisting individuals in being added to the National Marrow  
27 Donor Program Registry, and

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28 WHEREAS, Jimmie Johnson was named the 2009 Associated Press  
29 Male Athlete of the Year, and

30 WHEREAS, Florida and its residents enjoy a special bond  
31 with NASCAR, as the state is home to NASCAR's headquarters in  
32 Daytona Beach, the Daytona International Speedway, and the  
33 Homestead-Miami Speedway and serves as host to three annual  
34 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series events, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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39 That it is fitting that 2009 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series  
40 Champion Jimmie Johnson is recognized for his hard work and  
41 excellence in the sport of stock car racing and for his  
42 invaluable humanitarian efforts through the Jimmie Johnson  
43 Foundation.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
45 presented to Jimmie Johnson as a tangible token of the  
46 sentiments expressed herein.