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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
4 his 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 began 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, NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver
18 Jimmie Johnson won five consecutive NASCAR Sprint Cup Series
19 Championships from 2006 to 2010, and

20 WHEREAS, in 2006, Jimmie Johnson established the Jimmie
21 Johnson Foundation, which has since raised money to assist
22 children, families, and communities in need throughout the
23 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 Be The Match donor
27 registry of the National Marrow Donor Program, and

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28 WHEREAS, in 2013, Jimmie Johnson won the Daytona 500,
29 which, along with his victory in 2006, makes him only the 10th
30 person to win more than one Daytona 500, and

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

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

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40 That 2013 Daytona 500 winner Jimmie Johnson is recognized
41 for his hard work and excellence in the sport of stock car
42 racing and for his invaluable humanitarian efforts through the
43 Jimmie Johnson 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.