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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR45130-LG-187B (03/13)

Sponsors: Senators Apodaca and B. Jackson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING NASCAR AND THE INDUCTEES OF THE
2 NASCAR HALL OF FAME.

3 Whereas, North Carolina has a rich heritage in the sport of stock car racing and is
4 proud of NASCAR's presence in the State and its position as the stock car racing capital of the
5 world; and

6 Whereas, after World War II, stock car racing evolved as a sport in the foothills,
7 pinewoods, and piedmont of North Carolina and quickly became one of the deepest traditions
8 in the State's popular culture; and

9 Whereas, North Carolina is the home of NASCAR and motorsports events, which
10 staged its first sanctioned "purely stock car" race at the Charlotte Speedway on June 19, 1949;
11 and

12 Whereas, in 2011, stock car racing became the official State sport of North
13 Carolina; and

14 Whereas, the Charlotte Motor Speedway currently hosts six NASCAR events
15 annually, including one NASCAR Camping World Series truck race, two NASCAR
16 Nationwide Series races, and three NASCAR Sprint Cup Series races; and

17 Whereas, motorsports and stock car racing tremendously affect the economy of
18 North Carolina through travel and tourism and job creation; and

19 Whereas, NASCAR nonprofits, operated by both drivers and owners, have provided
20 millions of dollars to support and enhance the quality of life in North Carolina; and

21 Whereas, the NASCAR Research and Development Center, located in Concord,
22 focuses on safety, improvement, and development of the sport; the NASCAR Transportation
23 Center, located in Concord, provides equipment to support races held throughout the year both
24 in North Carolina and throughout the United States; and the NASCAR Plaza, located in
25 Charlotte, houses NASCAR's corporate offices as well as the site of the new digital floor
26 containing NASCAR.com and NASCAR's Fan and Media Engagement Center, which was built
27 in partnership with Hewlett Packard (HP) and later became the centerpiece of HP's multimillion
28 dollar advertising campaign in 2013; and

29 Whereas, skills and trades used in NASCAR are supported as part of the State's
30 educational system at the university, community college, and career school levels; and

31 Whereas, the State's motorsports industry partnered with the military in February
32 2012 to share technology related to performance and safety to help our nation's service men and
33 women; and

34 Whereas, as the home to many of the legends and pioneers of stock car racing, it
35 was fitting that North Carolina was chosen in 2006 as the site of the prestigious NASCAR Hall



1 of Fame, which opened in Charlotte in 2010 and whose mission is to preserve the history of
2 NASCAR and to entertain and educate racing and nonracing fans alike; and

3 Whereas, each year, the NASCAR Hall of Fame recognizes those who have made
4 outstanding contributions to the sport by inducting five legends into the Hall of Fame; and

5 Whereas, this year's class of NASCAR Hall of Fame inductees, Tim Flock, Jack
6 Ingram, Dale Jarrett, Maurice Petty, and Fireball Roberts, will join other Hall of Fame
7 members: Bobby Allison, Buck Baker, Dale Earnhardt, Richie Evans, Bill France, Sr., Bill
8 France, Jr., Dale Inman, Ned Jarrett, Junior Johnson, Bud Moore, Cotton Owens, David
9 Pearson, Lee Petty, Richard Petty, Herb Thomas, Rusty Wallace, Darrell Waltrip, Glen Wood,
10 Leonard Wood, and Cale Yarborough; Now, therefore,

11 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

12 **SECTION 1.** The North Carolina General Assembly pays tribute to the racing
13 legends that have been inducted into the NASCAR Hall of Fame and commends NASCAR for
14 the many valuable contributions it has made to the sporting scene and popular culture in North
15 Carolina.

16 **SECTION 2.** The North Carolina General Assembly honors the memory of the
17 deceased NASCAR Hall of Fame inductees, Dale Earnhardt, Bill France, Sr., Bill France, Jr.,
18 Lee Petty, Richie Evans, Buck Baker, Cotton Owens, Herb Thomas, Tim Flock, and Fireball
19 Roberts, and expresses its appreciation for their contributions to the sport.

20 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
21 resolution to NASCAR and the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

22 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.