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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 congratulate NASCAR on the occasion of its 75th anniversary on
4 February 21, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, NASCAR (National Association for Stock Car Auto
6 Racing) is the sanctioning body for the premier form of
7 motorsports in the United States; and

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WHEREAS, NASCAR was incorporated in Daytona Beach, Florida
9 on February 21, 1948; and

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WHEREAS, NASCAR was formed to organize and promote stock
11 car racing in the United States; and

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WHEREAS, NASCAR has become the premier motorsports
13 innovator, universally regarded as one of the world's most
14 successful sports entertainment properties; and

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WHEREAS, The NASCAR Cup Series features one of the longest
16 seasons in sports, which extends across 10 months of the year,
17 with large on-site audiences averaging over 100,000 spectators
18 per weekend; and

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WHEREAS, NASCAR has expanded throughout its history to

1 become a global sport with series that race in more than 30
2 States, as well as Canada, Mexico, Europe, and Brazil; and

3 WHEREAS, NASCAR has conducted successful racing events in
4 the State of Illinois for over 20 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Today, NASCAR sanctions more than 1,200 races
6 annually, and its races are broadcast in nearly every country
7 around the world; and

8 WHEREAS, NASCAR selected Chicago as the inaugural location
9 for a historical city street race, the first of its kind for
10 the NASCAR Cup Series; and

11 WHEREAS, NASCAR strives to ensure that each of its race
12 events are economically successful, relevant, entertaining,
13 and safe; and

14 WHEREAS, NASCAR has made a positive economic impact on
15 local businesses and residents throughout the State of
16 Illinois; and

17 WHEREAS, NASCAR continually seeks to engage the core fan
18 while igniting lifetime relationships with future fans; and

19 WHEREAS, NASCAR champions and rewards a winning,

1 innovative culture through sport, which has inspired
2 generations of Americans; and

3 WHEREAS, The NASCAR Foundation has had a positive impact
4 on nearly 1.7 million children and donated more than \$43
5 million to children in need; and

6 WHEREAS, NASCAR's 75th anniversary season will be a
7 yearlong celebration of the sport's past, present, and future;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate NASCAR
11 on its 75th anniversary and commemorate its contributions to
12 the State of Illinois and our residents.