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1   HOUSE RESOLUTION

2   WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3   Representatives are pleased to congratulate Elmhurst native
4   Fred Lorenzen on being a 2015 NASCAR Hall of Fame inductee; and

5   WHEREAS, Fred Lorenzen was inducted into NASCAR's Hall of
6   Fame on May 21, 2014; he got his start in NASCAR as a mechanic
7   with the famed Holman-Moody team in 1960, but was elevated to
8   lead driver by the end of the year; he won 3 races in only 15
9   starts the following season; and

10   WHEREAS, Nicknamed "Fearless Freddie" and "Golden Boy",
11   Fred Lorenzen recorded 26 wins in his NASCAR career and remains
12   the only driver to win 20 races in his first 100 starts; he
13   became the first driver to earn more than $100,000 in winnings
14   in a single season, claiming $113,570 while driving for the
15   Holman-Moody team in 1963; and

16   WHEREAS, Fred Lorenzen's best overall season came in 1963
17   when he finished with 6 wins, 21 top-5 finishes, and 23 top-10
18   finishes in 29 starts and finished third in the standings; in
19   1965, he won 2 of NASCAR's major events - the Daytona 500 and
20   the World 600; and

21   WHEREAS, Fred Lorenzen is a member of numerous motorsports

1   halls of fame including the National Motorsports Press
2   Association's Hall of Fame, the International Motorsports Hall
3   of Fame, and the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America; and

4   WHEREAS, Fred Lorenzen was one of NASCAR's first true
5   superstars even though he was a "part-time" driver, never
6   running more than 29 of the season's 50-plus races; he is
7   credited with driving interest in the sport of auto racing
8   outside of its Southern roots; therefore, be it

9   RESOLVED,   BY   THE   HOUSE   OF   REPRESENTATIVES   OF   THE
10   NINETY-EIGHT GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11   we congratulate Fred Lorenzen on being a 2015 NASCAR Hall of
12   Fame inductee; and be it further

13   RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14   presented to Fred Lorenzen as an expression of our esteem and
15   respect.