

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Over the course of a brilliant career, race car  
2 driver Dale Earnhardt gained universal renown for his exceptional  
3 talent and for a driving style so bold and intense that it routinely  
4 overpowered other competitors; and

5           WHEREAS, Known as "The Intimidator," Mr. Earnhardt is  
6 considered one of the greatest NASCAR drivers of all time; sure and  
7 rugged, with his trademark moustache and black No. 3 Chevrolet car,  
8 he quickly became a familiar icon to the American public and was the  
9 first race car driver ever to be featured on a box of Wheaties; and

10           WHEREAS, In his 26 years of fearless and skillful racing, Mr.  
11 Earnhardt garnered 76 Winston Cup victories, 7 Winston Cup  
12 championships, and a record 34 wins at the Daytona International  
13 Speedway; ranked sixth on the all-time victory list, he was the  
14 first driver to win the Rookie of the Year award and the Winston Cup  
15 title in consecutive seasons; and

16           WHEREAS, Mr. Earnhardt's outstanding abilities earned him  
17 lasting fame in racing history, just as his unique character and  
18 strength won him a special place in the hearts of Americans, and it  
19 is most appropriate that he be remembered on the date of his birth;  
20 now, therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
22 hereby designate April 29, 2003, as Dale Earnhardt Day in Texas and  
23 pay special tribute to the life of this remarkable man.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 222 was adopted by the House on April 29, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 222 was adopted by the Senate on April 29, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor