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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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