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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, defining a  
9 generation of drivers, and was the first race car driver ever to be  
10 featured on a box of Wheaties; and

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

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

22           RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
23 hereby designate April 29, 2005, as Dale Earnhardt Day in Texas and  
24 pay special tribute to the life of this remarkable man.