

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Famed race car driver and native Texan A. J. Foyt is  
2 celebrating the 50th anniversary of his first Indy car race this  
3 year by competing as an owner and race strategist in his 50th  
4 consecutive Indianapolis 500 on May 27, 2007; and

5           WHEREAS, Born January 16, 1935, in the Heights neighborhood  
6 of Houston, Mr. Foyt learned both his work ethic and his passion for  
7 racing from his father, a mechanic; and

8           WHEREAS, He began his professional career on the midget car  
9 circuit, winning his first race at Playland Park in Houston in 1953;  
10 he drove in his first race with championship, or Indy, cars in 1957,  
11 on a dirt track in Springfield, Illinois; and

12           WHEREAS, The following year he competed in his first Indy  
13 500, finishing 16th; in 1960 he won his first Indy car race; he won  
14 the Indy 500 for the first time in 1961 and went on to become the  
15 first driver to win the race four times; and

16           WHEREAS, In spite of a number of career-threatening accidents  
17 and injuries, Mr. Foyt compiled one of the most remarkable records  
18 in racing in his 35 years as a driver; he has won races in NASCAR and  
19 USAC stock cars, midgets, IMSA sports cars, and at Le Mans; with 172  
20 major races and 12 national titles, he holds records with 67 career  
21 victories, seven national championships, and 10 victories in one  
22 season; he is the only driver to have won the Indy 500, the Daytona  
23 500, and Le Mans; and

24           WHEREAS, Since his retirement from driving Indy cars in 1993,

1 at the age of 58, the indefatigable Mr. Foyt has continued to  
2 compete as the owner and strategist of A. J. Foyt Racing Ltd.; his  
3 career has been recognized by many awards, including his induction  
4 in the National Motorsports Hall of Fame and the Sprint Car Hall of  
5 Fame; recently he was voted the Driver of the Century by the  
6 Associated Press; and

7 WHEREAS, This notable Texan's talent, determination, and  
8 toughness are well worthy of recognition and celebration, and his  
9 competitive spirit and refusal to give up, from "Gentlemen, start  
10 your engines!" to the checkered flag, make him an inspiration to all  
11 who know him; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby congratulate A. J. Foyt on his 50 years of Indy  
14 car racing and extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be it  
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for Mr. Foyt as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
18 House of Representatives.

Howard of Fort Bend

Craddick	Gattis	Miles
Allen	Geren	Miller
Alonzo	Giddings	Moreno
Anchia	Gonzales	Morrison
Anderson	Gonzalez Toureilles	Mowery
Aycock	Goolsby	Murphy
Bailey	Guillen	Naishtat
Berman	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	O'Day
Bolton	Hancock	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hardcastle	Olivo
Branch	Harless	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Otto
Burnam	Heflin	Parker
Callegari	Hernandez	Patrick
Castro	Herrero	Paxton
Chavez	Hilderbran	Pena
Chisum	Hill	Phillips
Christian	Hochberg	Pickett
Cohen	Hodge	Pierson
Coleman	Homer	Pitts
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Puente
Cook of Colorado	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Corte	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Crabb	Hughes	Riddle
Creighton	Isett	Ritter
Crownover	Jackson	Rodriguez
Darby	Jones	Rose
Davis of Harris	Keffer	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Parker	Smith of Harris
Delisi	King of Taylor	Smithee
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Solomons
Driver	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dukes	Krusee	Straus
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Latham	Talton
Eiland	Laubenberg	Taylor
Eissler	Leibowitz	Thompson
Elkins	Lucio III	Truitt
England	Macias	Turner
Escobar	Madden	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Mallory Caraway	Vaught
Farias	Martinez	Veasey
Farrar	Martinez Fischer	Villarreal
Flores	McCall	Vo
Flynn	McClendon	West
Frost	McReynolds	Woolley
Gallego	Menendez	Zedler
Garcia	Merritt	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2560 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House