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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Throughout a superlative career that has spanned
2 more than six decades, A. J. Foyt has proven himself to be one of the
3 all-time greats in auto racing history; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Houston, Anthony Joseph Foyt Jr. began
5 racing professionally in the mid-1950s and quickly amassed a fan
6 base around the Lone Star State, garnering the nickname "Super
7 Tex"; he joined the United States Auto Club racing circuit in 1957,
8 and the following year, he made his debut in the Indianapolis 500;
9 he went on to win his first Indy 500 in 1961, and he would repeat
10 that feat three more times over the next decade and a half, becoming
11 the first driver to capture four trophies in the history of the
12 race; and

13 WHEREAS, During his years behind the wheel, Mr. Foyt excelled
14 in a range of other racing series and events as well, including
15 NASCAR, Le Mans, midgets, sprints, and International Motor Sports
16 Association sports cars; he won 14 national titles and 172 major
17 races across North America, Europe, and Australia; moreover, his 10
18 triumphs in one season, 7 national championships, and 67 career
19 victories in the IndyCar Series all still stand as records, and he
20 is the only driver to ever win the Indy 500, the Daytona 500, and the
21 24 Hours of Le Mans, three of the most prestigious events in
22 motorsports; and

23 WHEREAS, Though he retired from driving in 1993, Mr. Foyt has
24 enjoyed a long and successful second career as a team owner; his

1 racers have won two national IndyCar titles and the 1999
2 Indianapolis 500, and today he owns the No. 14 and No. 4 ABC Supply
3 Chevrolets in the Verizon IndyCar Series; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Foyt has received well-deserved recognition for
5 his numerous accomplishments; he has been named one of NASCAR's 50
6 Greatest Drivers and voted Driver of the Century by a panel of
7 experts and the Associated Press, and he has also been inducted into
8 the International Motorsports Hall of Fame, the Motorsports Hall of
9 Fame of America, the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame, and the North
10 Carolina Auto Racing Hall of Fame; and

11 WHEREAS, Among the most prominent and enduring figures in
12 racing, A. J. Foyt has inspired generations of fans across the Lone
13 Star State and beyond, and it is indeed a pleasure to recognize this
14 legendary Texan for his professional achievements; now, therefore,
15 be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
17 Legislature hereby honor A. J. Foyt on his exceptional career in
18 motorsports and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
19 success; and, be it further

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