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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Eddie Gossage is retiring as president of Texas
2 Motor Speedway in Fort Worth on June 13, 2021, drawing to a close an
3 outstanding 32-year tenure; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Gossage was named general manager of Texas Motor
5 Speedway in 1995, and the 1,500-acre complex was officially opened
6 the following year; it has since hosted millions of fans at NASCAR,
7 IndyCar, and World of Outlaws races and held concerts by famed acts
8 such as The Rolling Stones, ZZ Top, and Willie Nelson; as the face
9 of TMS, Mr. Gossage made his name through colorful promotions,
10 including having two trained capuchin monkeys sell programs at a
11 2010 race, building the world's largest LED high-definition
12 television, and debuting an all-female pit crew for driver Shawna
13 Robinson; he was named president of TMS in 2004; and

14 WHEREAS, Previously, Mr. Gossage worked for Nashville
15 International Raceway, Bristol International Raceway, and Miller
16 Brewing Company, and he joined Speedway Motorsports in 1989 as the
17 vice president of public relations at Charlotte Motor Speedway; and

18 WHEREAS, Eddie Gossage's adept leadership and promotional
19 skills have greatly benefited Texas Motor Speedway, and he may
20 indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent as he embarks on
21 the next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
23 Legislature hereby congratulate Eddie Gossage on his retirement as
24 president of Texas Motor Speedway and extend to him sincere best

1 wishes for the future; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for Mr. Gossage as an expression of high regard by the
4 Texas House of Representatives.