

House Resolution 554

By: Representatives Twiggs of the 8th, Rogers of the 20th, Walker of the 141st, Morris of the 155th, Parham of the 122nd and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Dale Earnhardt; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dale Earnhardt, considered by many as the greatest stock car driver of all time,
3 tragically lost his life on the final lap of the Daytona 500 on February 18, 2001; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was the leader among active Winston Cup drivers with 76 career victories
5 and 34 wins at the Daytona International Speedway, the best recordholder in the race; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was named Winston Cup Rookie of the Year in 1979, and, for most of the
7 last 20 years, he was the source for much of the excitement of the daring sport of racing; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he held seven Winston Cup Championships, which tied with Richard Petty for
9 most such championships in Winston Cup history; and, in the great State of Georgia, he had
10 nine victories at Atlanta Motor Speedway, which was the most of any person in the track's
11 history; and
- 12 WHEREAS, his performance and personality attracted legions of loyal fans from across the
13 spectrum of stock car enthusiasts; and
- 14 WHEREAS, his aggressive driving, boldness, drama, and pure skill led him to be called "The
15 Intimidator," and he will be forever hailed as a folk hero and sadly missed by his fans; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Dale Earnhardt was not only a celebrated stock car driver but also a family man
17 devoted to his wife Teresa and four children, including fellow Winston Cup driver Dale
18 Earnhardt, Jr.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body express their deepest regret at the tragic death of Dale Earnhardt
21 and convey their sincerest sympathy to his family at this time of great personal loss.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dale
3 Earnhardt.