

House Resolution 623

By: Representatives Cash of the 108th, Lunsford of the 109th, Sanders of the 107th, Hanner of the 159th, Smith of the 91st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ed Clark; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ed Clark has presided over the Atlanta Motor Speedway for almost nine years;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Clark's career with the Atlanta Motor Speedway parallels the dynamic
5 growth of NASCAR racing over the past decade; and

6 WHEREAS, he was named president and general manager of the Atlanta Motor Speedway
7 in July, 1992, and his first race, November 15, 1992, was Richard Petty's final Winston Cup
8 ride; and

9 WHEREAS, his career as a racing impresario began in 1977, when he became public
10 relations director for Bristol Motor Speedway in Tennessee and two years later, at the age
11 of 24, was named the track's general manager; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Clark has systematically influenced a number of definitive changes on the
13 Atlanta Motor Speedway which first opened in 1960 with 35,000 seats; and

14 WHEREAS, with Ed Clark as the dynamic driving force, Atlanta Motor Speedway has added
15 49,000 seats and reconfigured the track into a more fan-friendly 1.54 mile quad-oval; and

16 WHEREAS, a five lane road feeding the parking area was added in 1996, plus 112 more
17 acres for parking 14,000 more vehicles; and

18 WHEREAS, today the Atlanta Motor Speedway is an amazingly impressive facility, with
19 147,000 seats, landscaped gardens, grandiose curves, 137 luxury suites, and 46
20 condominiums soaring over nine stories; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Clark, who lives in Peachtree City, Georgia, with his wife, Teresa, and their
2 two children is a member of the Flint River Scout Council, the Atlanta Convention and
3 Visitors Bureau, and several charities and ministry outreach programs.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body recognize Ed Clark and commend him for his contributions to the
6 State of Georgia as president of the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ed Clark.