

House Resolution 580

By: Representatives Barnes of the 78th, Warren of the 122nd, Burns of the 157th, Porter of the 143rd, Jamieson of the 28th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 16, 2005, as Atlanta Motor Speedway Day at the state capitol; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Motor Speedway, a 1.54 mile quad-oval track, is one of the premier
4 motorsports facilities in the country; and

5 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Motor Speedway was originally constructed in 1960 and is nestled
6 on 870 acres located just 30 minutes south of Atlanta; and

7 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Motor Speedway hosts two NASCAR Nextel Cup races each year,
8 the two largest single-day sporting events each year in the State of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Motor Speedway is the main contributor to the local sports
10 economy, bringing in more than \$455 million annually, an amount that is greater than the
11 contributions of the Atlanta Braves, Hawks, and Falcons combined; and

12 WHEREAS, during the two NASCAR Nextel Cup weekends, the Atlanta Motor Speedway
13 attracts fans from all 50 states and more than a dozen foreign nations along with more than
14 10 million viewers worldwide; and

15 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Motor Speedway also hosts Busch Series, Craftsman Truck, and
16 ARCA racing during the year and the Thursday Thunder Legends and Bandolero racing
17 during the summer, showcasing the talents of the region's up-and-coming drivers; and

18 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Motor Speedway is in use over 300 days each year, hosting
19 corporate events, driving schools, concerts, air shows, dog shows, circuses, and car shows;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the contributions of the Atlanta Motor Speedway to
22 our economy and to our state be recognized.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 this body designates March 16, 2005, as Atlanta Motor Speedway Day at the state capitol
3 in recognition of the Atlanta Motor Speedway's contributions to this state.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body express their pride and honor
5 in having the Atlanta Motor Speedway in our state and encourage NASCAR to continue all
6 NASCAR races presently being held at 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 Bruton Smith, CEO and
9 Chairman of the Board of Atlanta Motor Speedway, and Ed Clark, President and General
10 Manager of the Atlanta Motor Speedway.