

Senate Resolution 1197

By: Senator Douglas of the 17th

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 16, 2006, as Atlanta Motor Speedway Day at the Capitol; and for other
2 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

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

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body designates
4 March 16, 2006, as Atlanta Motor Speedway Day at the Capitol and that, on such occasion,
5 the members of this body recognize and commend the Atlanta Motor Speedway for its
6 contributions to this state.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body express their pride and honor
8 in having the Atlanta Motor Speedway in our state and encourage NASCAR to continue all
9 NASCAR races presently being held at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
11 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bruton Smith, CEO and Chairman of the
12 Board of Atlanta Motor Speedway, and Ed Clark, President and General Manager of the
13 Atlanta Motor Speedway.