

Senate Resolution 1068

By: Senators Douglas of the 17th, Johnson of the 1st and Williams of the 19th

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 6, 2008, 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 is in use over 300 days each year, hosting
16 corporate events, driving schools, concerts, air shows, dog shows, circuses, and car shows;
17 and

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

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body designates
2 March 6, 2008, as Atlanta Motor Speedway Day at the state capitol in recognition of the
3 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 Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bruton Smith, CEO and Chairman of the
9 Board of Atlanta Motor Speedway, and Ed Clark, President and General Manager of the
10 Atlanta Motor Speedway.