

House Resolution 1523

By: Representatives Burkhalter of the 50th, Keen of the 179th, Coan of the 101st, Rogers of the 26th, and Harbin of the 118th

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 6, 2008, as Atlanta Motor Speedway Day at the state capitol and inviting
2 Mr. Rusty Wallace and other distinguished guests to appear before the House of
3 Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Motor Speedway, a 1.54 mile quad-oval track, is one of the premier
5 motorsports facilities in the country and a great treasure to the Atlanta area and the State of
6 Georgia; and

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

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

11 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Motor Speedway is the main contributor to the local sports
12 economy, bringing in more than \$455 million annually; and

13 WHEREAS, during the two NASCAR Nextel Cup weekends, the Atlanta Motor Speedway
14 attracts fans from all 50 states and more than a dozen foreign nations along with more than
15 10 million viewers worldwide and the facility 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, on March 6, 2008, Atlanta Motor Speedway and NASCAR will bring
19 excitement to the Capitol with the display of a number of race cars and visits by
20 distinguished visitors, including Mr. Rusty Wallace, an esteemed former NASCAR Premier
21 Series champion and 55 time race winner and currently a television auto racing analyst and
22 the owner of the exciting RWI Racing team.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 this body designates March 6, 2008, as Atlanta Motor Speedway Day at the state capitol in
3 recognition of the Atlanta Motor Speedway's contributions to this state and invites Mr. Rusty
4 Wallace and other distinguished guests to appear before this body on a date and time
5 designated by the Speaker of the House for the purpose of being recognized by the House.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body express their pride and honor
7 in having the Atlanta Motor Speedway in our state and their appreciation for their
8 distinguished visitors.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Mr. Bruton Smith, CEO and
11 Chairman of the Board of Atlanta Motor Speedway, Mr. Ed Clark, President and General
12 Manager of the Atlanta Motor Speedway, Mr. Rusty Wallace, and other distinguished guests.