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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 853

Offered February 7, 2019

Commending Rick Wilson and Henderson Motorsports.

Patrons—O'Quinn and Pillion; Senators: Barker, Black, Boysko, Carrico, Chafin, Chase, Cosgrove, Dance, Deeds, Dunnavant, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Hanger, Howell, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, Mason, McClellan, McPike, Norment, Obenshain, Peake, Petersen, Reeves, Ruff, Saslaw, Stanley, Stuart, Sturtevant, Surovell, Vogel and Wagner

WHEREAS, on April 10, 1989, Rick Wilson and Henderson Motorsports won a career-defining victory in the Budweiser 200 of the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing Busch Grand National Series at Bristol Motor Speedway; and

WHEREAS, Henderson Motorsports, affiliated with Food Country USA grocery stores, was one of the preeminent teams in the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) Busch Grand National Series, now known as the Xfinity Series; the team recruited Rick Wilson for his homespun personality and aggressive racing philosophy; and

WHEREAS, the 1989 Budweiser 200 was delayed to a Monday afternoon start due to severe weather the previous weekend; Rick Wilson started from the pole in his blue No. 75 Oldsmobile and dominated the competition, adapting to the frigid temperatures and passing two other drivers in the outside lane for a dramatic finish; and

WHEREAS, Rick Wilson drove in more than 250 NASCAR races between 1980 and 1997, when he retired at the age of 44, and Henderson Motorsports continues to race in the NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Rick Wilson and Henderson Motorsports won the NASCAR Legends Race for retired drivers, with Rick Wilson behind the wheel of a replica of the No. 75 Oldsmobile from the 1989 Budweiser 200; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Rick Wilson and Henderson Motorsports on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of their victory in the 1989 Budweiser 200 at Bristol Motor Speedway; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to Rick Wilson and Henderson Motorsports as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for their achievements.

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