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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 153

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Celebrating the life of Jason Dean Gibbs.

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WHEREAS, Jason Dean Gibbs, president and co-owner of Joe Gibbs Racing, died on January 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Jason Dean "J.D." Gibbs was born with a competitive spirit in his blood; his father, legendary National Football League coach, Joe Gibbs, led the Washington Redskins to three Super Bowl victories in the 1980s and 1990s; and

WHEREAS, J.D. Gibbs was initially drawn to football, playing quarterback at Oakton High School and defensive back at The College of William & Mary, but would eventually find his true calling in professional stock car racing; and

WHEREAS, J.D. Gibbs started his racing career behind the wheel, and briefly worked in the pit, a stint that included a role as tire changer in Joe Gibbs Racing's first Daytona 500 victory behind driver Dale Jarrett; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, J.D. Gibbs became president of Joe Gibbs Racing and helped the team continue its relentless ascent; he was responsible for scouting Denny Hamlin, one of the best stock car drivers in the sport today, a story that will be told in NASCAR circles for years to come; and

WHEREAS, J.D. Gibbs was always guided by his faith and his love for his family; he will be dearly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Melissa; his sons, Joe, William, Jason, and Zachary; numerous family members and friends; and legions of fans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Jason Dean Gibbs, president and co-owner of Joe Gibbs Racing; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Jason Dean Gibbs as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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