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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 169

Offered February 25, 2020

*Commending Wood Brothers Racing.*

Patrons—Stanley; Delegates: Hurst, Marshall and Poindexter

WHEREAS, Wood Brothers Racing, a family-owned professional racing team founded in Virginia and the oldest continuously operating team in the top series of the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, celebrates its 70th anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Wood Brothers Racing was established in Stuart and made its racing debut in Martinsville, where Glenn Wood drove his first race; despite being forced to withdraw due to a wreck by another vehicle, Glenn Wood and his team repaired their car and went on to finish third in a race at Dan River Speedway three weeks later; and

WHEREAS, along with his younger brother, Leonard, who built engines and developed Wood Brothers Racing's efficient pit stops, Glenn Wood went on to participate in the famous Daytona 500 and won four races on the early National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) circuit; and

WHEREAS, after Glenn Wood retired in the 1980s, his children, Eddie, Len, and Kim, took a more active role in the business and were later followed by a third generation of the Wood family; currently Jon Wood and Jordan Wood work in marketing, social media, and business development, while Kevan Wood helps maintain the team's #21 Ford Mustang; and

WHEREAS, Wood Brothers Racing has won the Daytona 500 five times with five different drivers, Tiny Lund, Cale Yarborough, A.J. Foyt, David Pearson, and Trevor Bayne, and many other NASCAR Hall of Fame drivers have sat behind the wheel of a Wood Brothers Ford; and

WHEREAS, Glenn and Leonard Wood were themselves inducted into the NASCAR Hall of Fame in 2013 and 2014, respectively, a testament to Wood Brothers Racing's innumerable contributions to the sport; Glenn Wood also was selected as one of NASCAR's top 50 drivers in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Wood Brothers Racing holds a record as the longest continuously active NASCAR Cup Series team and has recorded 99 race victories over the course of its 70-year history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Wood Brothers Racing on the occasion of its 70th anniversary in 2020; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Wood Brothers Racing as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's legacy of achievements in American automobile racing.

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