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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 264

Offered January 16, 2023

*Celebrating the life of Buddy Rogers Arrington.*

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WHEREAS, Buddy Rogers Arrington, a longtime independent owner and driver in the top series of the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing and a local legend in Martinsville, died on August 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a native of Martinsville, Buddy Arrington was a mechanic at a Chrysler dealership when he began racing in 1964, and over the course of the next 25 years, he made 560 starts in what is now the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) Cup Series; and

WHEREAS, using his extensive experience with Chrysler vehicles, Buddy Arrington began his racing career with Plymouth and Dodge cars and remained loyal to Chrysler brands, even during periods when the company was less involved in auto racing; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Arrington stockpiled Dodge and Chrysler parts, frequently running outdated equipment as a means to save money and driving his obsolete Chrysler Imperial until it became ineligible in 1985; he then raced Ford and Chevrolet cars before retiring from auto racing in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Arrington's red and blue No. 67 Dodge was a mainstay at the front of the pack; he posted 15 top-five finishes in his career and achieved two third-place finishes at Nashville Speedway in 1965 and Talladega Speedway in 1979; and

WHEREAS, from his start in 1964 to his retirement in 1988, Buddy Arrington maintained a winning attitude and was an exceptional ambassador for NASCAR and the sport of auto racing; he inspired countless other drivers and made many contributions to the Martinsville community throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Arrington will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Patsy Ann; his children, Joey and Todd, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Buddy Rogers Arrington, a successful racing driver and highly admired member of the Martinsville community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Buddy Rogers Arrington as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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