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8 COMMENDING LEGENDARY NASCAR DRIVER CHARLES LAWRENCE
9 FARMER ON HIS PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

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11 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
12 are herein proudly presented to legendary NASCAR driver
13 Charles Lawrence "Red" Farmer for his professional racing
14 achievements; and

15 WHEREAS, through hard work, diligence, and an
16 unwavering commitment to excellence, Red Farmer has had an
17 extraordinary 75-year racing career with historic highlights
18 and continues to race competitively on Alabama's Talladega
19 Short Track; on March 17, 2022, when he climbs into his new
20 Black Diamond race car he will make the Guinness Book of World
21 Records 2022, as the oldest living race car driver who is
22 still actively racing; and

23 WHEREAS, the highly heralded Hueytown, Alabama,
24 resident and NASCAR racer Red Farmer is a one-of-a-kind sports
25 figure whose heart, determination, and longevity continues to
26 inspire countless fans; born on October 15, 1932, in
27 Nashville, Tennessee, Red began racing in 1948, the same year

1 that NASCAR was formed; he moved to Florida at 15 years of
2 age; in 1949, he won his first race in Opa-Locka, Florida; he
3 and his family moved to Hueytown, Alabama, in 1962; he is a
4 founding member of the infamous racing Alabama Gang, which
5 included legends Bobby Allison and Donnie Allison; his
6 signature race car was named F 97 and was painted white and
7 gold; and

8 WHEREAS, like Red Farmer's mind-boggling career, he
9 has had the same sponsor every year since 1962, Long-Lewis
10 Ford, an Alabama automotive dealership founded in 1915; even
11 more impressive, is that all 60 years of that sponsorship deal
12 were done - and continue to be done - on strictly a
13 handshake-only basis; and

14 WHEREAS, through the years, Red Farmer has earned
15 widespread admiration and respect for his tireless dedication
16 and exceptional racing abilities; he has piled up more than
17 750 race victories and has held a NASCAR competition license
18 continuously since 1953, an unprecedented streak; he is a four
19 time NASCAR National Champion; in 1956, he won the Modified
20 National Championship; he won three consecutive Grand National
21 Division Championships in 1969, 1970, and 1971; in the NASCAR
22 ARCA series Red Farmer won Daytona in 1971 and Talladega in
23 1984 and 1988, a special victory because his friend, Davey
24 Allison, Bobby Allison's son, served as his crew chief for the
25 1988 race; and

26 WHEREAS, Red Farmer is a member of 10 Hall of Fames
27 including, Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, Talladega-Texaco Walk

1 of Fame, Dirt Track Hall of Fame, International Motorsports
2 Hall of Fame, Daytona Beach Stock Car Hall of Fame,
3 Jacksonville Hall of Fame, Living Legends of Auto Racing Hall
4 of Fame, Alabama Auto Racing Pioneers, National Motorsports
5 Press Association Hall of Fame, and last, but certainly not
6 least, the cherry on top, NASCAR Hall of Fame; his very good
7 friend, Tony Stewart was the presenter of the special NASCAR
8 Hall of Fame ring; his honors include the Governor of Alabama
9 Award by the International Motorsports Hall of 1999, Team
10 consultant for M.L. Motorsports of Warsaw, Indiana, and
11 Governor's Award for the Alabama Gang and the Racing Angels;
12 his monumental accomplishments reflect immense credit upon
13 NASCAR and the entire State of Alabama, and he is deserving of
14 special commendation and praise; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
16 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That legendary NASCAR driver
17 Charles Lawrence "Red" Farmer is highly honored and commended
18 for his professional racing achievements, and by copy of this
19 resolution sincere best wishes are extended for continued
20 success in his truly remarkable racing career.