ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 71 By: Herbert, Brown, Cain, Campbell, Capps, Dickerson, Douglass, Dunlap, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford, Gustafson, Haney, Harrison, Helton, Hendrick, Henry, Hobson, Horner, Kerr, Laughlin, Leftwich, Littlefield, Long, Maddox, Martin, Mickle, Milacek, Monson, Morgan, Muegge, Price, Rabon, Roberts, Robinson, Rozell, Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Taylor, Weedn, Wilcoxson, Wilkerson, Williams, Williamson and Wright

A Resolution declaring May 5, 1998, as Motorsports Awareness Day in the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, in Oklahoma and throughout our country, there is plenty of excitement as motorsports teams and fans thunder on the highways and byways; and

WHEREAS, some 50 million fans view and 5,000 racing teams attend local tracks nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is the home for racing teams affiliated with the National Association of Stockcar Auto Racing (NASCAR) Truck Series, National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Drag Racing Series and the Legend cars; and

WHEREAS, these professional racing teams travel throughout the country almost weekly, looking for an edge on the Fast Track; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma has over a dozen race tracks in Oklahoma City, Ardmore, Tulsa, Noble, Ponca City, Clinton, Lawton, Ada, Enid, Kellyville, Muskogee, Hallete and Altus; and

WHEREAS, according to both "Forbes" and "Time" magazines, motorsports is the second most popular sport in the world and the most popular sport in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma supports professional racing teams, racing fans, race tracks and the many economic and tourism benefits derived from motorsports; and

WHEREAS, Steve Evans, owner of Steve Evans Motorsports, an Oklahoma City based NHRA Drag Race Team, will display two rear engine dragsters including a '27 Ford Aero Roadster, a stock eliminator Oldsmobile Cutlass and also the traveling billboard carrying the DISCOVER OKLAHOMA logo at the South Plaza of the State Capitol on May 5, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Joe Madore, the owner of JAM Motorsports, an Oklahoma City based NASCAR truck racing team, is also participating in and supporting Motorsports Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, this team will travel over 50,000 miles nationwide from February through November of this year, participating in twelve national events, ten divisional events and random big dollar bracket races. Over this year, there will be many displays, promotions and car shows with attendance of more than one and a half million spectators at the races alone and an unlimited amount of viewers from television, displays and promotions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares May 5, 1998, as Motorsports Awareness Day in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Steve Evans, owner of Steve Evans Motorsports and Joe Madore, owner of JAM Motorsports.