

SHORT TITLE: Declaring May 6, 1997, as Motorsports Awareness Day in Oklahoma; distribution.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 35

By: Herbert

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A Resolution declaring May 6, 1997, as Motorsports Awareness Day in Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, in Oklahoma and throughout our country, there is plenty to be excited about as motor sports teams and fans thunder on the highways and byways of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, some 50 million fans view and 5,000 racing teams attend local tracks in Oklahoma and the country; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is the home for racing teams 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, Hallette and Altus; and

WHEREAS, according to both "Forbes" and "Time" magazine, motor-sports 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 motor sports; and

WHEREAS, the excitement and thrill of motor racing will be celebrated at the Oklahoma State Capitol on Tuesday, May 6, 1997.

Oklahoma-based race teams competing in national and local series will be available for pictures and autographs in the Fourth Floor Rotunda of the State Capitol and their race cars will be displayed outside the Capitol building.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares May 6, 1997, as Motorsports Awareness Day in Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Joseph Allen Madure, owner and driver of Oklahoma-based JAM Motor Sports.

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