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**By: Baltimore County Delegation**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **NASCAR Motor Sports**

3 FOR the purpose of calling on the Governor, the Baltimore County Executive, the  
4 Secretary of Business and Economic Development, and the Secretary of  
5 Transportation to investigate the economic impact of a NASCAR motor sports  
6 complex on the State and Baltimore County; urging the Governor to appoint a Task  
7 Force to work with the Department of Business and Economic Development, the  
8 Department of Transportation, and the Baltimore County Department of Economic  
9 Development to conduct the investigation; and generally relating to motor racing in  
10 Baltimore County.

11 WHEREAS, NASCAR is the fastest growing spectator sport in the United States,  
12 experiencing attendance of over 15 million and annual increases of 4%; and

13 WHEREAS, NASCAR is a leading corporate sponsorship sport, attracting  
14 millions of dollars in corporate sponsorships from major international companies such as  
15 Kodak, DuPont, Kellogg, Sears, Mastercard, McDonalds, Burger King, Western Auto,  
16 STP, Proctor and Gamble, Tide, Budweiser, Miller, Coors, Winston, and Valvoline; and

17 WHEREAS, NASCAR will bring tourist, recreational, and corporate investment  
18 into the State and local economy by creating expenditures surrounding individual race  
19 meets and by ongoing business activities; and

20 WHEREAS, NASCAR will generate employment opportunities through  
21 event-related jobs and a variety of attendant industries, including hotels, restaurants,  
22 marinas, and transportation, auto, manufacturing, and service businesses; and

23 WHEREAS, Eastern Baltimore County already possesses the rail, highway, air,  
24 and water infrastructure to support large-scale sports and entertainment events; and

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1 WHEREAS, Local and State governments have identified the Middle River area  
2 for community revitalization, and residents of that community and eastern Baltimore  
3 County have overwhelmingly endorsed the concept of a major NASCAR sports and  
4 entertainment facility; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the State  
6 and Baltimore County are urged to investigate jointly the economic impact on the State  
7 and Baltimore County of a NASCAR motor sports racing, business, and industrial  
8 complex to be located in Middle River, Maryland; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Governor is urged to appoint a Task Force to work with the  
10 Department of Business and Economic Development, the Department of Transportation,  
11 and the Baltimore County Department of Economic Development to conduct the  
12 investigation, the Task Force to consist of:

13 (1) Two members of the Maryland House of Delegates, selected by the  
14 Speaker of the House;

15 (2) Two members of the Senate of Maryland, selected by the President of  
16 the Senate;

17 (3) The Councilmember serving on the Baltimore County Council from the  
18 Fifth Councilmanic District;

19 (4) One representative of the Essex-Middle River Chamber of Commerce;

20 (5) One representative of the Eastern Baltimore Area Chamber of  
21 Commerce;

22 (6) One representative of the Baltimore County Executive's Office;

23 (7) Four citizen members:

24 (i) One of whom shall be from the Middle River Racing Association;

25 (ii) One of whom shall be from the Essex-Middle River area; and

26 (iii) Two of whom shall be selected as the Governor considers  
27 appropriate; and

28 (8) Three representatives from Baltimore County area motor sports clubs;  
29 and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
31 Legislative Reference to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland; the  
32 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the  
33 Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; the Honorable C.A.  
34 "Dutch" Ruppberger, III, Baltimore County Executive; the Honorable David L.  
35 Winstead, Secretary of Transportation; ~~and~~ the Honorable James Brady, Secretary of  
36 Business and Economic Development, and Robert Hannon, Director of Economic  
37 Development for Baltimore County.

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