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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 357

Offered March 4, 2022

Commending the NASCAR Cup Series Food City Dirt Race at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Patrons—O'Quinn, Kilgore, Morefield and Wampler; Senators: Hackworth and Pillion

WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 30th anniversary of Food City's corporate sponsorship of an annual NASCAR Cup Series race held at Bristol Motor Speedway, now known as the Food City Dirt Race; and WHEREAS, Food City, a division of K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc., operates a chain of supermarkets in Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia, and since 1992, Food City and Bristol Motor Speedway have been successful partners that have prided themselves on bringing the best possible experience to race fans in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Food City name has become synonymous with NASCAR racing in the region, and the Food City Dirt Race, previously known as the Food City 500, is considered one of the sport's best races and is annually one of the most popular events on the NASCAR Cup Series schedule; and

WHEREAS, Food City and Bristol Motor Speedway are strong pillars of the community, and the Food City Dirt Race weekend is very much a hometown gathering and a highly anticipated highlight for the region; and

WHEREAS, Food City is the second-longest running race sponsor in NASCAR, and the company has contributed over one-half million dollars to local organizations through its annual Family Race Night events; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Food City Dirt Race, which takes its name from the dirt racing surface evocative of the sport's early history, will take place on Easter Sunday, April 17; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Food City on celebrating 30 years of sponsorship of the NASCAR Cup Series Food City Dirt Race at Bristol Motor Speedway; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Steven C. Smith, president and CEO of Food City, and Jerry Caldwell, president of Bristol Motor Speedway, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for their exceptional partnership and dedication to making the Bristol area a top destination for NASCAR fans.

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