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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Jerry Cook upon the occasion of his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame on January 22, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding race car drivers, who distinguished themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend Jerry Cook upon the occasion of his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame on January 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Legendary Rome, New York, NASCAR modified championship race car driver Jerry Cook was born on June 20, 1943, in Lockport, New York; he began racing at the young age of 13; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Cook, a six-time champion who for many years battled fellow Rome driver Richie Evans for top honors on NASCAR's modified series, is part of the newest group of five named as inductees for the Hall; and

WHEREAS, In 1969, Jerry Cook won the Track Championship at the Utica-Rome Speedway; throughout the 1970s and 1980s, he dominated the modified racing series, winning four straight championships from 1974-1977; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Cook won more than 300 races over his career, and in 1998, was named one of NASCAR's 50 Greatest Drivers; and

WHEREAS, After retiring from racing in 1982, Jerry Cook remained involved with the sport, helping shape the series which is known today, as the Whelen Modified Tour; in this capacity, he served as the Series Director when it began in 1985; today, he remains a vital force within NASCAR, acting as a Competition Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Cook has been inducted into several racing hall of

fames including the National Motorsports Hall of Fame in 1989, the New York State Car Association Hall of Fame in 1993, and the International Motorsports Hall of Fame in 2009, as well as the Rome Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor Jerry Cook for his extraordinary athletic accomplishments which are a tribute to his skill, dedication and commitment; his character and achievements stand as a sterling example and inspiration to all who would aspire to success; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Jerry Cook upon the occasion of his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame on January 22, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jerry Cook.