

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 143

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A RESOLUTION to commend Food City on twenty-five years of sponsoring the Food City 500 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Race.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay homage to those sterling organizations that benefit the State of Tennessee and its people; and

WHEREAS, 2017 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of Food City's corporate sponsorship of the Food City 500 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Race at Bristol Motor Speedway; and

WHEREAS, Food City, a division of K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc., operates a chain of supermarkets in Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Food City name has become synonymous with NASCAR racing in the region due to its sponsorship of two of the sport's most popular races: the Food City 500 and Food City 300 at Bristol Motor Speedway; and

WHEREAS, the 500-lap, 266.5-mile Food City 500 is considered one of the sport's best races and is annually one of the most popular events on the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series schedule; and

WHEREAS, 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, Food City and Bristol Motor Speedway are strong pillars of the community, and the Food City 500 race weekend is very much a hometown gathering and a highly anticipated highlight for the region; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Food City 500 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Race will take place on Sunday, April 23, and to honor the twenty-fifth anniversary of Food City sponsorship, Bristol Motor Speedway has issued a special edition race logo and branding for the race; 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, it is appropriate that this General Assembly congratulate Food City on its continued financial support of this racing institution that brings such joyous entertainment to the region, the State, and beyond; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Food City for twenty-five years of sponsoring the Food City 500 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Race at Bristol Motor Speedway and extend our best wishes to its owners and employees, NASCAR racers and fans, and the people of Bristol for continued success, happiness, and quality racing entertainment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.