

118TH CONGRESS
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S. RES. 225

Commemorating the 107th running of the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race and recognizing the race as “the greatest spectacle in racing”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 18, 2023

Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Mr. BRAUN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 107th running of the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race and recognizing the race as “the greatest spectacle in racing”.

Whereas Sunday, May 28, 2023, will mark the 107th running of the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race (referred to in this preamble as the “Indianapolis 500”);

Whereas the Indianapolis 500 has occurred every year since 1911, except during the involvement of the United States in World Wars I and II from 1917 through 1918 and 1942 through 1945, respectively;

Whereas the Indianapolis 500 is the largest single day sporting event in the world, with more than 300,000 fans packing the grandstands and the expansive infield of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on race day;

Whereas radio coverage of the Indianapolis 500 dates back to 1922, and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Radio Network was established in 1952;

Whereas a radio broadcast of the entire Indianapolis 500 first began in 1953 and the radio broadcast reaches millions of listeners each year;

Whereas Alice Greene, a copywriter at the Indianapolis-based radio station WIBC, coined the phrase “the greatest spectacle in racing” in 1954, and the phrase was made famous by broadcaster Sid Collins, who served as the voice of the Indianapolis 500 for nearly 3 decades;

Whereas the Indianapolis 500 has played an integral part in the culture and heritage of—

- (1) Indianapolis, Indiana;
- (2) motorsports; and
- (3) the automotive industry in the United States and throughout the world; and

Whereas the Indianapolis Motor Speedway has been a showcase of speed, human achievement, and the continuous pursuit of glory, and is a source of great pride for all citizens of Indiana: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commemorates the 107th running of the In-
3 dianapolis 500 Mile Race; and

4 (2) recognizes the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race
5 as “the greatest spectacle in racing”.

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