Assembly Resolution No. 1572

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COMMEMORATING the 40th Anniversary of NASCAR at Watkins Glen International

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and support events of significance which contribute to the entertainment and vitality of the communities they serve and which exemplify the history and development of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of NASCAR at Watkins Glen International; and

WHEREAS, Watkins Glen International began in 1948, when Cameron Argetsinger proposed an amateur road race to be called the "Watkins Glen Grand Prix" to the Watkins Glen Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Although the first NASCAR race at Watkins Glen International was held in 1957, the event became a recurring yearly tradition on Sunday, August 10, 1986; and

WHEREAS, The true inaugural running saw Tim Richmond take home the checkered flag, and acted as an opportunity for Watkins Glen International to become one of NASCAR's most well-known tracks; and

WHEREAS, The overwhelming success of the NASCAR event at Watkins Glen International has brought important economic growth to the region and opened the door to several new partnerships and special events fans can look forward to, including visits from local NASCAR legends; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those organizations that have brought entertainment and cultural enrichment to the citizens of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of NASCAR at Watkins Glen International; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Watkins Glen International.