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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Jimmie Johnson upon the occasion of winning his fifth consecutive NASCAR Sprint Cup Series title

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those exemplary athletes who have excelled in professional sports, distinguishing themselves through notable achievements and representing humanity to the fullest; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Jimmie Johnson upon the occasion of winning his fifth consecutive NASCAR Sprint Cup Series title; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Johnson made professional sports history in 2010 by earning his fifth consecutive NASCAR Sprint Cup Series title; he is the only driver in the sport's 62-year history to accomplish the feat, and his amazing accomplishment this year also earned him several awards; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Johnson was voted Driver of the Year for the fourth time in his career; by doing so, he tied Jeff Gordon for the most wins in the prestigious award's 44 year history; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Johnson has won a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Championship in a record-setting five consecutive seasons (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010) in the No. 48 Lowe's/Kobalt Tools Chevrolet Impala SS; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Johnson delivered a record-breaking 10th NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Championship for car owner Rick Hendrick; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Johnson's charity, The Jimmie Johnson Foundation, has raised a significant amount of money dedicated to assisting children, families and communities in need throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Jimmie Johnson Foundation has helped save tens of thousands of lives through blood collection and by adding individuals to the

National Marrow Donor Program Registry; and

WHEREAS, Racing fans in New York are vital to NASCAR, and New York is home to Watkins Glen International, the host of one NASCAR Sprint Cup Series event annually; and

WHEREAS, His two pole position wins and many impressive top 10 finishes at Watkins Glen International have helped him build momentum leading into the final stretch of the season resulting in his five consecutive NASCAR Sprint Cup Series titles; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor Jimmie Johnson 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 congratulate Jimmie Johnson upon the occasion of winning his fifth consecutive NASCAR Sprint Cup Series title, and to commend Rick Hendrick, and the No. 48 Lowe's/Kobalt Tools team on their outstanding achievements; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jimmie Johnson and Rick Hendrick.