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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Dr. Joseph "Doc" Mattioli, founder and  
2 chairman of the board of Pocono Raceway, who died January 26,  
3 2012.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Mattioli, known as "Doc" by his friends  
5 and associates, was born in Old Forge on April 14, 1925; and

6 WHEREAS, During World War II, Dr. Mattioli served his country  
7 with dedication and courage as a Navy medic in the Pacific; and

8 WHEREAS, After serving in World War II, Dr. Mattioli enrolled  
9 in the dentistry program at Temple University; and

10 WHEREAS, After graduation, Dr. Mattioli opened his own dental  
11 practice which, due to his skill and dedication, became very  
12 successful; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Mattioli also invested in and developed  
14 properties in Philadelphia and northeastern Pennsylvania, where

1 he became involved in the start up of Pocono Raceway; and

2 WHEREAS, In the early 1960s, Dr. Mattioli founded Pocono  
3 Raceway, and under his leadership, the track grew in prominence,  
4 hosting 68 successful NASCAR Sprint Cup Series events; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Mattioli oversaw all aspects of Pocono Raceway  
6 operations until last fall when he turned over operations of the  
7 track to his grandchildren to carry on his legacy; and

8 WHEREAS, Today, Pocono Raceway is one of the last remaining  
9 family-owned and family-run tracks on the NASCAR Sprint Cup  
10 Series schedule; and

11 WHEREAS, Due to Dr. Mattioli's efforts, Pocono Raceway is  
12 also the world's largest solar-powered sports facility and is a  
13 leader in the renewable energy and environmental fields; and

14 WHEREAS, Well known for his dedication to his community, Dr.  
15 Mattioli received the Philanthropic Lifetime Achievement Award  
16 for his generous and continuous contributions to local civic  
17 organizations, hospitals, schools and charities; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Mattioli served on the board of directors of  
19 numerous organizations and was dedicated to improving the  
20 quality of life in northeastern Pennsylvania; and

21 WHEREAS, On January 26, 2012, after battling a lengthy  
22 illness, Dr. Mattioli passed away surrounded by his loving  
23 family; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Mattioli is survived by his wife of 63 years,  
25 Rose; daughters, "Looie" and Michele; son, Joseph III; seven  
26 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; and

27 WHEREAS, It is fitting to recognize an extraordinary man who  
28 served his country and community, and Dr. Mattioli was one of  
29 the most respected and admired men in automobile racing;  
30 therefore be it

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life of  
2 Dr. Joseph "Doc" Mattioli, founder and chairman of the board of  
3 Pocono Raceway, who died January 26, 2012.