

WHEREAS, NASCAR will bring tourist, recreational, and corporate investment into the State and local economy by creating expenditures surrounding individual race meets and by ongoing business activities; and

WHEREAS, NASCAR will generate employment opportunities through event-related jobs and a variety of attendant industries, including hotels, restaurants, marinas, and transportation, auto, manufacturing, and service businesses; and

WHEREAS, Eastern Baltimore County already possesses the rail, highway, air, and water infrastructure to support large-scale sports and entertainment events; and

WHEREAS, Local and State governments have identified the Middle River area for community revitalization, and residents of that community and eastern Baltimore County have overwhelmingly endorsed the concept of a major NASCAR sports and entertainment facility; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the State and Baltimore County are urged to investigate jointly the economic impact on the State and Baltimore County of a NASCAR motor sports racing, business, and industrial complex to be located in Middle River, Maryland; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor is urged to appoint a Task Force to work with the Department of Business and Economic Development, the Department of Transportation, and the Baltimore County Department of Economic Development to conduct the investigation, the Task Force to consist of:

- (1) Two members of the Maryland House of Delegates, selected by the Speaker of the House;
- (2) Two members of the Senate of Maryland, selected by the President of the Senate;
- (3) The Councilmember serving on the Baltimore County Council from the Fifth Councilmanic District;
- (4) One representative of the Essex-Middle River Chamber of Commerce;
- (5) One representative of the Eastern Baltimore Area Chamber of Commerce;
- (6) One representative of the Baltimore County Executive's Office;
- (7) Four citizen members:
  - (i) One of whom shall be from the Middle River Racing Association;
  - (ii) One of whom shall be from the Essex-Middle River area; and
  - (iii) Two of whom shall be selected as the Governor considers appropriate; and
- (8) Three representatives from Baltimore County area motor sports clubs; and be it further