

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 988

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor Allen Competition Engines of
Surgoinsville, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor and recognize those distinguished professionals who have contributed significantly to this nation's proud heritage of auto racing; and

WHEREAS, at the age of seventeen, Mike Allen, Sr. was already building his own high-performance engines, but after he rolled his souped-up car and landed it in a teacher's yard, his father, Herb Allen, demanded a change in focus; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, Mike, Sr. gunned his hot cars on the race track instead of the street; and

WHEREAS, Mike, Sr. soon restored a 1965 Chevrolet and made it his first race car; along with his father and brother, H.J. Allen, he raced cars throughout the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980s, Mike, Sr.'s son, Mike Allen, Jr., began racing, and today, father and son operate Allen Competition Engines in Surgoinsville; and

WHEREAS, for the past forty-two years, the Allen family has been involved in drag racing, driving their own cars and building engines for some of the top local teams and professional Pro Stock racers; and

WHEREAS, the Allen family has won many races and earned a reputation as one of the top engine builders in the nation, but they recently attained a milestone that places them at the very pinnacle of their sport; and

WHEREAS, with Mike, Jr. serving as his crew chief and with horsepower supplied by Allen Competition Engines, Elijah Morton won the American Drag Racing League's Extreme Pro Stock 2013 World Championship in Baytown, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Allen family's exemplary careers spent in service to building competition engines and drag racing are truly the stuff of legend, and this body takes great pride in recognizing them as true sons of the Volunteer State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Mike Allen, Sr. and Mike Allen, Jr. of Allen Competition Engines on winning the 2013 Extreme Pro Stock World Championship via their quality engines and racing expertise and commend them for their exemplary service to America's favorite sport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.