

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 320

Congratulating Danica Patrick on her historic accomplishments in the 2005  
Indianapolis 500.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 15, 2005

Mr. MANZULLO submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Government Reform

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## RESOLUTION

Congratulating Danica Patrick on her historic  
accomplishments in the 2005 Indianapolis 500.

Whereas Danica Patrick was raised in Roscoe, Illinois, began racing go-karts at age 10, and by the age of 12 became a national champion of the World Karting Association;

Whereas at age 16, Danica Patrick switched from go-karts to formula cars and began competing in the Formula Vauxhall Winter Series in England;

Whereas in 2000, Danica Patrick finished second in the Formula Ford Festival in England, the highest finish ever by an American driver;

Whereas on May 15, 2005, Danica Patrick qualified for the Indianapolis 500 with the fourth fastest time, becoming

the highest qualifying female driver in the history of the event;

Whereas on May 29, 2005, Danica Patrick competed in her first Indianapolis 500 race;

Whereas Danica Patrick's appearance in the 2005 Indianapolis 500 was just her fifth overall appearance in an Indy Racing League IndyCar Series race;

Whereas on lap 57, Danica Patrick became the first woman ever to lead a lap of the Indianapolis 500;

Whereas Danica Patrick battled setbacks to move from sixteenth place after lap 80 to first place on lap 172;

Whereas Danica Patrick led the 2005 Indianapolis 500 at 3 different times during the race for a total of 19 laps;

Whereas Danica Patrick's fourth place finish in the Indianapolis 500 was the all-time highest finish by a rookie driver and the all-time highest finish by a female driver;

Whereas Danica Patrick was awarded the 2005 Indianapolis 500 Rookie of the Year award; and

Whereas at only 23 years of age, Danica Patrick has already made historic achievements as a professional driver: Now therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) congratulates Danica Patrick on her his-  
3       toric accomplishments in the 2005 Indianapolis 500;

4               (2) invites Danica Patrick and her team to the  
5       United States Capitol to be honored; and

1           (3) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-  
2           atives to make available an enrolled copy of this res-  
3           olution to Danica Patrick for appropriate display.

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