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SENATE RESOLUTION

By Senate President SWEENEY and Senators KYRILLOS and BECK

WHEREAS, August 2, 2015, marked the auspicious occasion of the running of the Forty-Eighth renewal of the William Hill Haskell Invitational at Monmouth Park Racetrack in Oceanport, which drew the largest crowds in its history with more than 60,000 people, a world-wide television audience, and a record of pari-mutuel wagering; and,

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of New Jersey is pleased to commend Dennis Drazin and the entire Monmouth Park Racetrack Team for their efforts in this significant event, as well as to offer hearty congratulations to New Jersey's own Zayat Stables, owners of the victorious American Pharoah, the Twelfth Triple Crown winner in history, and his trainer, Hall of Famer Bob Baffert; and,

WHEREAS, Monmouth Park Racetrack, which became this State's first grand racing venue when it originally opened as the Long Branch Racetrack in 1870, has made considerable contributions to the economy of the New Jersey, and its owners were ranked among the most influential figures in the thoroughbred racing world, helping to form the Jockey Club in 1894; and,

WHEREAS, The equestrian industry has a long and storied history in the Garden State, producing goods and services in excess of \$710 million and providing tens of thousands of jobs, as well as generating significant revenue through racing and recreation; and,

WHEREAS, It is both proper and fitting for this House to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge Dennis Drazin and Monmouth Park Racetrack for their considerable contributions to this State; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:

That this House hereby commends Monmouth Park Racetrack, pays tribute to its meritorious history of service and leadership, and extends best wishes for its continued success and happiness; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the President and attested by the Secretary, be transmitted to Dennis Drazin.