



State Representative Dennis Reboletti

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'Elmhurst Express' Honored with Resolution

Joliet, IL... State Representative Dennis Reboletti (R-Elmhurst) honored former NASCAR driver Fred Lorenzen at the Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet.

Born and raised in Elmhurst, Lorenzen began his racing career with a home-built speedster powered by a lawn mower engine, that he would race down the streets of Elmhurst. His first win was in a 1941 Plymouth at a demolition derby held at Soldier Field. It was the start of a legendary racing career that would span from 1958-1972.

He was the 1965 Daytona 500 winner and recorded 26 NASCAR wins. He is still the only NASCAR driver to win 20 races in their first 100 starts.

Also known as "Fearless Freddie", he was the first driver to earn more than \$100,000 in winnings in a single season and claiming \$113,570 driving for the legendary Holman-Moody team in 1963.

"Fred Lorenzen was an icon of NASCAR and the racing world," Illinois State Representative, Dennis Reboletti said. "He is an Illinois sports legend and we recognize him for his lifetime of accomplishments."

Representative Reboletti presented the Illinois House Resolution honoring Lorenzen to his children, along with a portrait painted by motorsports artist Bill Rankin from New York.

Lorenzen has been nominated twice before for the NASCAR Hall of Fame and was also nominated for the class of 2013.

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