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GREETINGS FROM GOVERNOR JAMES B. EDWARDS,
GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IT IS WITH DEEPEST REGRET THAT I CANNOT BE WITH YOU FOR
THE 27TH RUNNING OF THE "SOUTHERN 500."

TRADITIONALLY, THIS RACE IS ONE OF THE HIGH POINTS IN SOUTH
CAROLINA AS TENS OF THOUSANDS OF RACE FANS FROM ACROSS THE
NATION JOIN UNDER THE PALMETTO STATE'S SKIES TO WATCH THE
FINEST AUTOMOBILE RACING IN AMERICA.

YOU TALK ABOUT THE INDY 500...WATKINS GLEN...TALLEDEGO...BUT
YOU CAN'T SURPASS THE ORIGINAL "SOUTHERN 500" HERE IN DARLINGTON,
SOUTH CAROLINA!!