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Honoring Dale Earnhardt and expressing condolences of the United States Senate to his family on his death.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. EDWARDS (for himself and Mr. HELMS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

RESOLUTION

Honoring Dale Earnhardt and expressing condolences of the United States Senate to his family on his death.

Whereas the Senate has heard with great sadness of the death of Dale Earnhardt in a tragic accident;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt, a native of Kannapolis, North Carolina, represents a genuine American success story, rising from poverty to become a racing legend and accomplished businessman;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt became the first driver to follow Rookie of the Year honors in 1979 with the Winston Cup championship the next year;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt is tied only with Richard Petty in winning seven Winston Cup Series titles during his 26 years in racing;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt followed in his father’s footsteps as a stock car driver, and earned the nickname “The Intimidator” for his aggressive racing style with which he went on to win 76 career races, including the 1998 Daytona 500;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt was not only devoted to the sport of racing, but to his family as the loving husband of Teresa, and loving father of Taylor Nicole, Dale Jr., Kelley, and Kerry;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt’s love for life and countless contributions to family and the State of North Carolina serve as an inspiration to millions;

Whereas Dale Earnhardt contributed significantly to the growth and popularity of NASCAR in America through his support of and dedication to racing;

Whereas fans across the Nation mourn the untimely loss of one of NASCAR’s greatest champions; and

Whereas in days following the passing of Dale Earnhardt, fellow drivers and NASCAR officials repeatedly referred to him as “the greatest driver in the history of the sport”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes that the world has too soon lost
 3 one of its most beloved sports heroes and one of the
 4 greatest drivers in racing history; and honors him in
 5 his devotion to life, family, and motor sports; and
 6 (2) expresses its deep and heartfelt condolences
 7 to the family of Dale Earnhardt on their tragic loss.

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