

Senate Resolution 270

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st, Beach of the 21st, Jeffares of the 17th, Harper of the 7th, Heath of the 31st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Chase Elliott on his excellence in the field of NASCAR; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Chase Elliott was born on November 28, 1995, and is a Dawsonville, Georgia,
4 native who is heir to the Elliott family NASCAR dynasty; and

5 WHEREAS, the 18-year-old Elliott notably has won in the NASCAR Camping World Truck
6 Series, the ARCA Racing Series, and the NASCAR K&N Pro Series East, of which he was
7 elected as the fan favorite in 2011 and 2012; and

8 WHEREAS, Elliott's rookie debut is the best for a true NASCAR national series rookie since
9 1985, and in his first seven races in the NCWTS, Elliott earned one win, five top-five
10 finishes, and six top-ten finishes in his 2013 Truck campaign; and

11 WHEREAS, he became the youngest pole winner in Camping World Truck Series history
12 when he claimed the number one starting spot at Bristol Motor Speedway, and he followed
13 up this milestone by becoming the youngest winner in a NASCAR national series during the
14 Truck Series' inaugural trip to Canadian Tire Motorsports Park; and

15 WHEREAS, with five ARCA Racing Series events in his 2013 schedule, Elliott also made
16 headlines in his season opener on June 8 when he led 21 laps on his way to win the ARCA
17 event at Pocono Raceway, becoming the youngest superspeedway winner in series history;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, he has averaged a 4.2 ARCA finish on the strength of one win, three top-five
20 finishes, and four top-ten finishes in four starts behind the wheel of the No. 9 Chevrolet; and

21 WHEREAS, prior to his 2013 run, he posted a strong season of firsts in the NASCAR K&N
22 Pro Series East, and during the 2012 season, he captured his first career NASCAR victory

23 when he took the checkered flag in the K&N Pro Series East-West combination event at Iowa
24 Speedway; and

25 WHEREAS, he followed that performance by becoming the series' youngest pole winner at
26 the time when he took the top qualifying spot at Langley Speedway in Hampton, Virginia,
27 and at the conclusion of the 14-race season, Elliott tallied six top-five finishes and nine
28 top-ten finishes and was chosen again by fans as the K&N Pro Series East Most Popular
29 Driver, an award he also won in 2011; and

30 WHEREAS, in addition to K&N Pro Series East action, Elliott also strengthened his racing
31 résumé in 2012 by adding six ARCA Racing Series events to his schedule in which the
32 young driver never finished outside the top ten and posted three top-five finishes, notably
33 finishing second in his first road course event at New Jersey Motorsports Park; and

34 WHEREAS, adding another first in 2012, Elliott earned his first ARCA career pole at Salem
35 Speedway and concluded 2012 with three top-five finishes and six top-ten finishes in his first
36 season; and

37 WHEREAS, he complemented his driving duties in the NASCAR regional touring and
38 ARCA Series events in 2012 by competing in 17 late model races in which he posted nine
39 wins, 14 top-five finishes, and 16 top-ten finishes and earned five pole positions; and

40 WHEREAS, in 2011, he made his full-time debut in the K&N Pro Series East while juggling
41 23 late model events, earned three top-five finishes and six top-ten finishes in the 12-race
42 K&N Pro Series East season, and concluded the year in late models with seven wins, 19
43 top-five finishes, and 19 top-ten finishes; and

44 WHEREAS, he earned the national champion title in super late models with the Champion
45 Racing Association, a division of ARCA, in November, 2011, and followed that up by
46 winning the prestigious Snowball Derby in Pensacola, Florida, in December, 2011, becoming
47 the youngest winner in the event's history; and

48 WHEREAS, in April, 2011, he was recognized as High School Player of the Week by *Sports*
49 *Illustrated*; in December, 2011, he was voted by fans as "NEXT" racer by *ESPN the*
50 *Magazine*, which highlighted up-and-coming young athletes that ESPN considers on the cusp
51 of stardom; and in 2012, he was named one of the NASCAR drivers 25 and under to watch
52 by FOXSports.com.

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
54 commend Chase Elliott on his excellence in the field of NASCAR.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
56 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Chase Elliott.