

SR-12, As Adopted by Senate, January 31, 2013

Senators Richardville and Marleau offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 12.

A resolution honoring Brad Keselowski, winner of the 2012 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series title, America's foremost automobile championship.

Whereas, While driving the famed "Blue Deuce," the No. 2 Ford Fusion for legendary racing car owner and Michigan native Roger Penske, Brad Keselowski became only the second driver in NASCAR history to win both the Nationwide Series and NASCAR Sprint Cup Series titles; titles he claimed in 2010 and 2012, respectively; and

Whereas, Brad Keselowski, the first Michigan-born racing driver to win the NASCAR Sprint Cup Championship, won the championship in only 125 starts, the fewest starts since racing legend Jeff Gordon's Championship win in 1995;

Whereas, At age 14, Brad Keselowski began competing in the racing circuit and, together with his brother, became a third-generation Michigan driver, following in the footsteps of his father, uncle, and grandfather. In 2008, Brad Keselowski Racing debuted, continuing the tradition of his proud Michigan family; and

Whereas, Brad Keselowski gained valuable racing skills and knowledge while working for his family's race team in Rochester Hills, Michigan, and continues to apply all that he has learned to his success in driving for Penske Racing; skills that undoubtedly helped Brad Keselowski win the first NASCAR title for Penske Racing when Keselowski was named the 2010 Nationwide Series Champion; and

Whereas, Brad Keselowski finished the 2012 NASCAR Sprint Cup season with 5 wins, 13 top-five finishes, and 23 top-ten finishes, beating five-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson and broke ground in sports and technology by sending live Tweets during the 2012 Daytona 500; and

Whereas, Brad Keselowski has become a role model for a brand-new generation of NASCAR fans. He has also made great efforts to support and honor those who have made great personal sacrifices, including veterans, members of the military, and first responders, as well as their families through his charitable Checkered Flag Foundation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor Brad Keselowski for his achievements on and off the racetrack and as a token of our appreciation for representing the state of Michigan proudly; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Brad Keselowski as evidence of our highest esteem.