

Senate Resolution 781

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Michael Christopher McDowell; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Michael Christopher McDowell was born on December 21, 1984, in Glendale,
3 Arizona; is united in love and marriage to his wife, Jami; and is blessed with four children,
4 Trace, Emma, Rylie, and Lucas; and
- 5 WHEREAS, in 1986, Mr. McDowell traded his big wheel for a BMX racing bicycle and
6 began his career in racing; and
- 7 WHEREAS, in 1992, at the age of eight, he began kart racing and traveled the country
8 pursuing his racing dream; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 2002, he moved up to Formula Renault USA racing and claimed two wins
10 and three pole positions; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in 2003 and 2004, he raced in the Star Mazda Series, picking up a total of nine
12 race wins, won rookie of the year in 2003 with a second place in the series championship,
13 and in 2004 won the series championship; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in 2005 and 2006, he raced in the Grand Am Rolex Series, finishing fourth in
15 the series championship each year; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he raced in the ARCA Series in 2007, achieving four wins, a second place in
17 the series championship, and rookie of the year honors; and
- 18 WHEREAS, in 2008, he made his NASCAR debut and has continued his racing success in
19 the Nationwide and Sprint Cup Series; and

20 WHEREAS, he has made 249 starts with Monster Energy and 94 starts with the Xfinity
21 Series and has accumulated 59,267 total laps in NASCAR; and

22 WHEREAS, this remarkable young man has also excelled off the racetrack, telling his own
23 personal miracle following a traumatic crash in 2008 through the I Am Second ministry, a
24 multimedia movement and not-for-profit organization that is designed to inspire people to
25 put Jesus Christ first in their lives; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
27 extraordinary individual be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 commend Michael Christopher McDowell for his many valuable contributions to auto racing
30 and this nation and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Michael
33 Christopher McDowell.