

Senate Resolution 834

By: Senator Gooch of the 51st

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, Elliott notably has won in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, the
6 ARCA Racing Series, and the NASCAR K&N Pro Series East, of which he was elected most
7 popular driver in 2011 and 2012; and

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

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

16 WHEREAS, prior to his 2013 run, he posted a strong season of firsts in the NASCAR K&N
17 Pro Series East, and during the 2012 season, he captured his first career NASCAR victory
18 when he took the checkered flag in the K&N Pro Series East-West combination event at Iowa
19 Speedway; and

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

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

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

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

36 WHEREAS, in 2014, he won the NASCAR XFINITY Series Championship and the Rookie
37 of the Year Title, and at 18 years old, he became the youngest driver ever to win a national
38 title; and

39 WHEREAS, in 2016, he won the Rookie of the Year Title again, and as the rookie driver for
40 Hendrick Motor Sports, took over the famed No. 24 car for the four-time champion Jeff
41 Gordon and started his inaugural race by winning the pole at the Daytona 500 with a speed
42 of 196.314 miles per hour; and

43 WHEREAS, in 2017, he won the 2017 Daytona Duel Qualifying race and had amassed 77
44 Cup starts, 22 top-five finishes, and 38 top-ten finishes; and

45 WHEREAS, in 2018, NASCAR announced that Chase Elliott would inherit the historic and
46 iconic number 9, following in the footsteps of his father, Hall of Fame NASCAR Cup
47 Champion Bill Elliott, who for generations used a form of the number 9 on his cars.

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

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
51 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Chase Elliott.