

Senator Marleau offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 12.

A resolution honoring Brad Keselowski, winner of the 2010 NASCAR Nationwide Series Championship.

Whereas, Brad Keselowski was born in 1984 in Rochester Hills, Michigan, to Bob and Kay Keselowski, who own their family racing company K-Automotive Motorsports, for whom Brad Keselowski and his brother Brian have competed for; and

Whereas, While working for his family's racing shop, Brad Keselowski began competing at the age of 14. He completed his high school diploma through a work-study program and night school, graduating early; and

Whereas, Brad Keselowski continued to advance in racing divisions until making his first NASCAR appearance in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series in 2004, racing for his family's team. He made his first NASCAR Nationwide Series appearance in 2006 and won his first NASCAR race two years later in Nashville. He also began competing in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series in 2008 with his first win in 2009 at Talladega; and

Whereas, Brad Keselowski won the 2010 NASCAR Nationwide Series Championship, finishing 445 points ahead of Carl Edwards. He finished the season with 6 wins, 26 top-five finishes, and 29 top-ten finishes, setting the highest single-season top-five total in Series history; and

Whereas, In 2010, Brad Keselowski was named NASCAR Nationwide Series' Most Popular Driver for the third year in a row; and

Whereas, Beyond his achievements on the race track, Brad Keselowski has translated his success into helping others through his charitable Checkered Flag Foundation that was incorporated in July 2010. The foundation strives to support those who have sacrificed greatly, and since its inception, has hosted or participated in events with the Wounded Warrior Project, the Armed Forces Foundation, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, and the Detroit F.I.R.E. Benefit Team; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor Brad Keselowski for his achievements in the field of auto racing, as well as his continued support and dedication to those who have given to the greater good; and be it further

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