

No. R-242. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Ken D. Squier of Stowe on his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

(S.C.R.18)

By Senators Cummings, Brooks, and Pollina of Washington District,
By Representatives Stevens of Waterbury and Wood of Waterbury,

Whereas, well-known local radio broadcaster and, until recently, Thunder Road race track owner Ken Squier was for many years a popular national radio and television commentator for major NASCAR events, and

Whereas, Ken Squier endeavored to make races more accessible and enjoyable for the multitude of the sport's fans of which he is proudly one, and

Whereas, he cofounded the Motor Racing Network in 1970 as a national radio service providing live flag-to-flag NASCAR race coverage, and

Whereas, his smooth voice and ability to extend a basic fact into an interesting story attracted listeners to his race-day broadcasts, and

Whereas, Ken Squier described his trackside commentary as covering "common men doing uncommon things," and

Whereas, as an acknowledged master of radio NASCAR reporting, Ken Squier assumed a new challenge to describe this sporting spectacle to television viewers, and

Whereas, his breakthrough moment on the visual medium occurred in 1979 when he called the Daytona 500 on CBS television, marking the first complete video coverage of this premier racing event that he coined as "The Great American Race," and

Whereas, that pivotal afternoon on CBS launched an 18-year career in the NASCAR television booth for both the CBS and TBS networks, and then as a regular in-studio commentator for several years, and

Whereas, Ken Squier concluded his regular NASCAR telecasting in 2000, but he continues to make special appearances on NASCAR telecasts to the delight of his many admirers, and

Whereas, in 2012, NASCAR named him as one of the two original recipients of the Squier-Hall Award for NASCAR Media Excellence, housed appropriately in the NASCAR Hall of Fame, and

Whereas, NASCAR has now elected to induct Ken Squier into the NASCAR Hall of Fame as a full member of the class of 2018, recognizing his immeasurable contribution to the sport's popularity and success, and

Whereas, the induction ceremony is scheduled for January 2018 in Charlotte, North Carolina, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Ken Squier of Stowe on his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ken Squier.