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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution recognizing and commending Chris Economaki.

WHEREAS, Chris Economaki, now 83 years of age, is an icon among sports journalists, recognized for his preeminent role in promoting the popularity of auto racing, and

WHEREAS, Chris was born in 1920 in Brooklyn, New York, and grew up in Ridgewood, New Jersey, where, at age 9, he observed his first auto race at the nearby Atlantic City Board Track and became smitten with a lifetime love for the sport of auto racing, and

WHEREAS, Chris began his career in sports journalism in 1934 when he began writing a byline column for the National Auto Racing News, a precursor to the National Speed Sport News, a publication Chris later acquired, developing it into the most influential weekly motorsports publication in the country, featuring Chris's informative column, "The Editor's Notebook," and

WHEREAS, in more than 50 years as an auto racing sports journalist, Chris has excelled as a print journalist, a race announcer, and a network television analyst for automobile races broadcast by ABC, ESPN, and CBS, providing dynamic coverage of virtually every form of auto racing in every major venue throughout the world, and

WHEREAS, Chris has received numerous awards recognizing and honoring his contributions to the sport of auto racing, including the 1984 Walt Ader Memorial Award, the first Hugh Deery Memorial Award for Service to Auto Racing, the 1990 USAC Presidential Award, NASCAR's 1990 Award of Excellence, induction in 1994 as the first journalist in the Motorsports

1 Hall of Fame, NASCAR's 1998 Lifetime Media Award, the 2000
2 NASCAR/Federal Mogul Buddy Sherman Award, and the 2001
3 International Automotive Media Council Lifetime Achievement
4 Award, NOW, THEREFORE,

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6 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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8 That the Florida Senate recognizes and commends Chris
9 Economaki for his invaluable contributions to the sport of
10 auto racing, for helping to make Daytona Beach, Florida, the
11 Auto-Racing Capital of the World, and for his extraordinary
12 accomplishments as a leader in the world of sports journalism.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
14 with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Chris
15 Economaki as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida
16 Senate.

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