

By Senator Posey

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1                                   Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

2           A resolution honoring Dale Earnhardt and

3           recognizing April 29, 2004, as "Dale Earnhardt

4           Day."

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6           WHEREAS, NASCAR racing legend Dale Earnhardt was born

7   April 29, 1951, in Kannapolis, North Carolina, and

8           WHEREAS, Dale Earnhardt won many stock car races at all

9   levels throughout Florida and many other states, and

10          WHEREAS, known as "The Intimidator," Dale Earnhardt

11   brought joy and motivation to his many fans throughout Florida

12   and the world through his phenomenal accomplishments as a

13   winner of a NASCAR-record seven Winston Cup championships, and

14          WHEREAS, Dale Earnhardt amassed 76 Winston Cup

15   victories during his prestigious career, and

16          WHEREAS, in his racing career spanning over 30 years,

17   Dale Earnhardt established a track record by winning 34 races

18   at Daytona International Speedway, and

19          WHEREAS, in his twentieth attempt, Dale Earnhardt did

20   win the 40th annual Daytona 500 in Daytona Beach, Florida, and

21          WHEREAS, as President of Dale Earnhardt Incorporated,

22   Dale Earnhardt claimed the NASCAR Busch Series Owner's

23   championship at Homestead-Miami Speedway in 1999 in Homestead,

24   Florida, and

25          WHEREAS, Dale Earnhardt was named "Driver of the Year"

26   on five occasions by the National Motorsports Press

27   Association, and

28          WHEREAS, not only an amazing sportsman and citizen,

29   Dale Earnhardt was also an exceptional man who inspired young

30   people throughout Florida and the world with his indomitable

31   character and determination, and

1           WHEREAS, on February 18, 2001, Dale Earnhardt was  
2 tragically taken from this earth on the final lap of the  
3 Daytona 500 in Daytona Beach, Florida, and

4           WHEREAS, it is appropriate to pay tribute to the life  
5 of this extraordinary individual who meant so much to the  
6 people of this state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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10           That the Florida Senate welcomes Dale Earnhardt's  
11 widow, Teresa Earnhardt, and other delegates of the Dale  
12 Earnhardt Incorporated racing team to the Capitol and  
13 recognizes April 29, 2004, as "Dale Earnhardt Day."

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

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