

## Senate Resolution 114

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Gooch of the 51st, Burke of the 11th, Payne of the 54th, Miller of the 49th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the National Wrestling Alliance and recognizing October 21, 2021, as National  
2 Wrestling Alliance Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, professional wrestling as a form of sports entertainment and performance art  
4 has deep roots in the history and culture of the State of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, positive contributions have been made to film, public service, charity, industry,  
6 agriculture, and other professional sports by many professional wrestlers from the State of  
7 Georgia, including Arn Anderson, Bob Armstrong, Jerry Blackwell, Terry "Bam Bam"  
8 Gordy, Joyce Grable, Ernest Miller, "Nature Boy" Paul Lee, Ron Simmons, Ray Traylor Jr.,  
9 and others; and

10 WHEREAS, the National Wrestling Alliance is the oldest and most tradition-laden  
11 professional wrestling organization in the world; and

12 WHEREAS, the National Wrestling Alliance was formally established in 1948, but it has  
13 roots preceding 1900; and

14 WHEREAS, the National Wrestling Alliance has been represented by some of the greatest  
15 sports and entertainment icons in American history, including "Nature Boy" Ric Flair, "The  
16 American Dream" Dusty Rhodes, "Handsome" Harley Race, Mildred Burke, Dory Funk Jr.,  
17 Terry Funk, Lou Thesz, Bobo Brazil, Pat O'Connor, Gene Kiniski, Chief Wahoo McDaniel,  
18 Sting, Ricky "The Dragon Steamboat," The Junkyard Dog, Tommy "Wildfire" Rich, Mr.  
19 Wrestling II, "Nature Boy" Buddy Rogers, "Pistol" Pez Whatley, the Great Muta, Adam  
20 Pearce, the Rock & Roll Express, the Midnight Express, and the Road Warriors; and

21 WHEREAS, the National Wrestling Alliance has historically had a special and privileged  
22 relationship with the State of Georgia, its flagship broadcasts being filmed at the historic  
23 Omni, at the studios of Superstation TBS, and currently at the Georgia Public Broadcasting  
24 studio; and

25 WHEREAS, the current National Wrestling Alliance Worlds Heavyweight Champion, "The  
26 National Treasure" Nick Aldis, defeated Cody Rhodes, son of the late Dusty Rhodes, for the  
27 championship on October 21, 2018; and

28 WHEREAS, the title reign of the current champion, Nick Aldis, now exceeds 800 days and  
29 is therefore one of the eight longest and most historically significant title reigns in the history  
30 of the National Wrestling Alliance; and

31 WHEREAS, Nick Aldis' tenure as champion is characterized by tremendous dignity, respect  
32 for professional sports, charitable work, and acts of service to public education; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
34 organization and its deep historic connections to the State of Georgia be recognized  
35 appropriately by recognizing a day significant to the organization's history in its honor.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
37 commend the National Wrestling Alliance for its significance to the State of Georgia and  
38 recognize October 21, 2021, the anniversary of Nick Aldis' historic National Wrestling  
39 Alliance Worlds Heavyweight Championship victory over Cody Rhodes, as National  
40 Wrestling Alliance Day.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
42 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Mr. William Patrick  
43 Corgan, Mr. Nick Aldis, and Dr. Robert Stinson.