

Senate Resolution 872

By: Senators Anderson of the 24th, Stone of the 23rd, Jones of the 25th, Dugan of the 30th, Heath of the 31st and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Scott Winkler; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
3 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
4 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mr. Scott Winkler joined the military in 1994 to serve as a guardian of this
6 nation's freedom and liberty, and he valiantly and courageously protected his fellow
7 Americans during Desert Watch in Kuwait and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mr. Winkler sustained a spinal cord injury while stationed in a hot zone in
9 Tikrit, Iraq, in 2003; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 2006, Mr. Winkler was introduced to the sport of shot put at a military sports
11 camp and became passionate about learning more and training to improve his techniques; and
- 12 WHEREAS, his commitment and perseverance led him to earn a gold medal in shot put and
13 a bronze medal in discus at the 2011 Parapan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico,
14 place 13th in shot put at the 2012 Paralympic Games in London, England, and win a bronze
15 medal in shot put at the 2013 IPC Athletics World Championships in Lyon, France; and
- 16 WHEREAS, from 2012-2017, Mr. Winkler served as the field coach for the Grovetown
17 Middle School Track and Field team and became the field coach for the Harlem Middle
18 School Track and Field Team in 2018; and
- 19 WHEREAS, committed to helping others with spinal cord injuries, Mr. Winkler co-founded
20 a nonprofit organization called Champions Made from Adversity and was a member of the
21 2011 International Paralympic Committee; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Winkler has demonstrated superior skill, determination, and talent as a
23 paralympic athlete, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary
24 accomplishments of this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 express their most profound appreciation to Mr. Scott Winkler for his service to this nation
27 and the incredible sacrifice he has made for us all and commend his remarkable
28 achievements in athletics.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr. Scott Winkler.