

## House Resolution 346

By: Representative Anderson of the 117<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Scott Winkler and inviting him to be recognized by the House of  
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put  
4 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the  
5 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Scott Winkler joined the military in 1994 to serve as a guardian of this  
7 nation's freedom and liberty, and he valiantly and courageously protected his fellow  
8 Americans during Desert Watch in Kuwait and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Winkler sustained a spinal cord injury while stationed in a hot zone in  
10 Tikrit, Iraq, in 2003; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2006, Mr. Winkler was introduced to the sport of shot put at a military sports  
12 camp and became passionate about learning more and training to improve his techniques; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Winkler went on to break the world record in shot put at the 2007 United  
14 States Paralympic Track and Field National Championships and earn gold and bronze medals  
15 in shot put at the 2007 Parapan American Games in Brazil; and

16 WHEREAS, he placed first and set an American record for shot put at the 2008 United States  
17 Paralympic Trials for Track and Field and placed fifth at the 2008 games held in China; and

18 WHEREAS, this amazing athlete placed first in shot put and discus at the 2010 United States  
19 Paralympic Track and Field National Championships and placed eighth and set an area  
20 record during the 2011 World Games in New Zealand; and

21 WHEREAS, committed to helping others with spinal cord injuries, Mr. Winkler cofounded  
22 a nonprofit organization called Champions Made from Adversity and is a member of the  
23 2011 International Paralympic Committee; and

24 WHEREAS, an Athletics World Championship Team member, Mr. Winkler has  
25 demonstrated superior skill, determination, and talent as a paralympic athlete, and it is  
26 abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of this distinguished  
27 Georgian be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body express their most profound appreciation to Mr. Scott Winkler for  
30 his service to this nation and the incredible sacrifice he has made for us all; commend his  
31 remarkable achievements as a world champion shot putter; and invite him to be recognized  
32 by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the  
33 House of Representatives.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Scott Winkler.