

House Resolution 313

By: Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st, Jackson of the 165th, Westbrook of the 163rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the inspiring journey and achievements of Nolan Sental Smith Jr.; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Nolan Sental Smith Jr., born on January 18, 2001, in Savannah, Georgia, has
4 shown the world what it means to dream big, work relentlessly, and rise above every
5 challenge in pursuit of greatness; and

6 WHEREAS, from his early days on the football field in youth leagues to his standout
7 performances at IMG Academy and Calvary Day School, Nolan's passion for the game and
8 unwavering determination have been evident in every play he has made, earning him
9 admiration and respect from coaches, teammates, and fans alike; and

10 WHEREAS, Nolan's time at the University of Georgia was nothing short of remarkable,
11 where his relentless work ethic, leadership, and dedication to his team helped secure two
12 College Football Playoff National Championships, a testament to his commitment to
13 excellence and his pivotal role in the success of the Bulldogs; and

14 WHEREAS, Nolan's dream of playing in the NFL became a reality when he was selected by
15 the Philadelphia Eagles in the first round of the 2023 NFL Draft, representing not only his
16 talent but also the power of perseverance, hard work, and faith in himself; and

17 WHEREAS, beyond the field, Nolan is deeply committed to using his platform and influence
18 to make a meaningful impact in his community and beyond, striving to be not only a football
19 player but also a role model, leader, and change-maker who inspires others to dream big,
20 work hard, and give back to those who need it most; and

21 WHEREAS, Nolan has touched countless lives through his dedication to inspiring and
22 mentoring others, particularly through the Nolan Smith Foundation, which uplifts young
23 athletes and provides them with the guidance to overcome obstacles, achieve their goals, and
24 positively impact their communities; and

25 WHEREAS, Nolan's story is not just one of athletic triumph—it is a testament to the power
26 of resilience and humility as well as the profound impact one person can have on the lives
27 of those around them, especially through his support of his family and their shared journey
28 together.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body honor Nolan Sental Smith Jr. for his extraordinary
31 accomplishments, heart for service, and unwavering commitment to inspiring others to chase
32 their dreams and make a positive difference in the world; extend their heartfelt
33 congratulations for his outstanding contributions to the sport of football, dedication to
34 uplifting others, and leadership both on and off the field; and wish him continued success and
35 fulfillment in all his endeavors.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Nolan
38 Sental Smith Jr.