

## Senate Resolution 239

By: Senators Mallow of the 2nd, Jones II of the 22nd, Sims of the 12th, Kemp of the 38th, Davenport of the 17th 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 college career at the University of Georgia was nothing short of  
11 remarkable, during which his relentless work ethic, leadership, and dedication as team  
12 captain helped the Bulldogs secure back-to-back College Football Playoff National  
13 Championships; 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 has touched countless lives through his dedication to  
18 inspiring and mentoring others, particularly through the Nolan Smith Foundation, which  
19 uplifts young athletes and provides them with the guidance to overcome obstacles, achieve  
20 their goals, and positively affect their communities; and

21 WHEREAS, he has further led impactful community initiatives such as annual givebacks,  
22 bike drives, Thanksgiving turkey drives, Christmas holiday drives, and more; and

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 honor Nolan Sental Smith Jr. for his extraordinary accomplishments, heart for service, and  
29 unwavering commitment to others as well as wish him continued success and fulfillment in  
30 all his endeavors.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Nolan Sental  
33 Smith Jr.