

# House Resolution 115 - Introduced

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 115

BY GRASSLEY

1 A Resolution recognizing and congratulating the  
2 Wartburg College men's wrestling team on winning  
3 the 2026 National Collegiate Athletic Association  
4 Division III men's wrestling national championship.

5 WHEREAS, on March 14, 2026, the Wartburg College  
6 Knights men's wrestling team captured the National  
7 Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III  
8 national championship at the Alliant Energy PowerHouse  
9 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and

10 WHEREAS, this victory marks the 17th national  
11 title in the storied history of the Wartburg wrestling  
12 program, further solidifying its status as the  
13 winningest program in NCAA Division III history; and

14 WHEREAS, the Knights demonstrated overwhelming  
15 dominance by finishing with 110.0 team points,  
16 a staggering 42 points ahead of the national  
17 runner-up; and

18 WHEREAS, individual excellence was highlighted  
19 by freshman Kade Blume (141 lbs.) and senior Kasey  
20 Ross (184 lbs.), who each claimed individual national  
21 championships; and

22 WHEREAS, the Knights' success was a total  
23 team effort, with seven student athletes earning  
24 All-American honors, including national runner-up  
25 Mitchell Williamson (285 lbs.), third-place finisher  
26 Charlie Dojan (157 lbs.), fifth-place finisher Patrick  
27 Mullen (133 lbs.), and seventh-place finishers Brett  
28 Birchman (125 lbs.) and Cal Dorota (197 lbs.); and

1 Caleb Olson and Mike Slade contributing to the point  
2 total as well; and

3 WHEREAS, head coach Eric Keller was justly named  
4 the NCAA Division III Tournament Coach of the Year,  
5 and the Knights' coaching staff was recognized as the  
6 Tournament Coaching Staff of the Year; and

7 WHEREAS, the team's success on the national stage  
8 brings great pride not only to the Wartburg College  
9 community and the city of Waverly but to the entire  
10 state of Iowa; NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
12 the House of Representatives congratulates the Wartburg  
13 College men's wrestling team, head coach Eric Keller,  
14 and the entire coaching staff on their 2026 NCAA  
15 Division III national championship and honors their  
16 commitment to athletic and academic excellence; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon adoption of  
18 this resolution, the Chief Clerk of the House of  
19 Representatives shall prepare an official copy of this  
20 resolution for presentation to Coach Eric Keller and  
21 the members of the Wartburg College men's wrestling  
22 team.