

# SENATE RESOLUTION 54

(By Senator Helton)

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1 Recognizing Christy Martin of Mullens, Wyoming County, West Virginia, for her remarkable  
2 achievements in boxing and the 2025 release of her major motion picture.

3 Whereas, Christy Martin was raised in Mullens, Wyoming County, West Virginia, within the  
4 coalfield community, where the values of hard work, perseverance, resilience, and determination  
5 shaped her character and future success; and

6 Whereas, Christy Martin distinguished herself as a student-athlete at Concord College,  
7 now Concord University, where she played women’s basketball and later graduated with a degree  
8 in education, demonstrating academic commitment alongside athletic excellence; and

9 Whereas, Christy Martin went on to become an accomplished professional boxer and is  
10 widely recognized as a pioneer of women’s boxing, helping to elevate the sport to national and  
11 international prominence at a time when opportunities for female boxers were limited; and

12 Whereas, Christy Martin made history as the first female boxer ever signed by legendary  
13 promoter Don King, marking a major breakthrough for women in professional boxing and opening  
14 doors for future generations of female athletes; and

15 Whereas, Throughout her competitive career, Christy Martin competed in numerous  
16 nationally and internationally televised bouts, earning widespread recognition and bringing honor,  
17 pride, and positive attention to the State of West Virginia; and

18 Whereas, Christy Martin, known as the “The Coal Miner’s Daughter”, is a trailblazing  
19 American boxer inducted into the West Virginia Boxing Hall of Fame in 2015. She revolutionized  
20 women’s boxing (1989-2012) with a 49-7-3 (31 KOs) record; and

1           Whereas, In recognition of her extraordinary impact on the sport, Christy Martin was also  
2 inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 2020, the highest honor in the sport of  
3 boxing; and

4           Whereas, Following her competitive career, Christy Martin continued her contributions to  
5 boxing as a professional promoter, developing fighters, expanding opportunities within the sport,  
6 and serving as a mentor to emerging athletes; and

7           Whereas, Christy Martin, a survivor of domestic violence, has demonstrated exceptional  
8 courage, strength, and resiliency, using her public platform to advocate nationally for survivors,  
9 raise awareness, and promote the prevention of domestic violence; and

10           Whereas, Christy Martin's life story and legacy are further honored through the release of a  
11 major motion picture titled *Christy* in 2025, bringing her inspiring journey to audiences worldwide;  
12 therefore, be it

13           *Resolved by the Senate:*

14           That the Senate hereby recognizes Christy Martin of Mullens, Wyoming County, West  
15 Virginia for her remarkable achievements in boxing and the 2025 release of her major motion  
16 picture; and, be it

17           *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to  
18 Christy Martin.