## A RESOLUTION

Honoring Felix "Tito" Trinidad for his achievements and 1 contributions to the sport of boxing and congratulating him 2 on his induction into the International Boxing Hall of Fame. 3 4 WHEREAS, Felix "Tito" Trinidad was born January 10, 1973, in Fajardo, Puerto Rico; and 5 WHEREAS, Tito, a retired professional boxer, is considered 6 one of the best Puerto Rican boxers of all time; and 7 WHEREAS, After winning five national amateur championships in 8 9 Puerto Rico, Tito debuted as a professional boxer on March 10, 10 1990, when he was 17 years of age; and WHEREAS, On June 19, 1993, Tito won his first world 11 championship after defeating Maurice Blocker for the 12 International Boxing Federation's welterweight belt; and 13 14 WHEREAS, During his career he continued to establish himself 15 as an all-time great by scoring victories over Hector Camacho, 16 Yory Boy Campas, Oba Carr, Rodney Moore, Freddie Pendleton, Pernell Whitaker and Oscar De La Hoya; and 17 WHEREAS, On March 3, 2000, Tito moved up in weight to win the 18

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World Boxing Association's super welterweight title from David
Reid; and

3 WHEREAS, Later that year, Tito unified titles with a 12th 4 round technical knockout over International Boxing Federation 5 Champion Fernando Vargas; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2001, Tito became a three-division champion with 7 a fifth round technical knockout over William Joppy for the 8 World Boxing Association's middleweight title; and

9 WHEREAS, With 15 successful defenses, 12 by knockout, Tito 10 holds the record for second-most welterweight title defenses; 11 and

WHEREAS, Tito holds the record for the longest reign as Welterweight Champion; six years, eight months and fourteen days; and

WHEREAS, As one of boxing's brightest superstars in the 1990s and 2000s, Tito is still revered in Puerto Rico and around the world; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, Tito became eligible and was voted into the 18 2014 Class of the International Boxing Hall of Fame; and 19 20 WHEREAS, On Wednesday, June 4, 2014, Tito will be inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame, becoming the tenth 21 22 Puerto Rican to receive such an honor; therefore be it RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor and 23 congratulate Felix "Tito" Trinidad for his many accomplishments 24 and congratulate him on his induction into the International 25 26 Boxing Hall of Fame.

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