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RESOLUTION

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Recommendation	

By Hon. _____	

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the life of Puerto Rican professional boxer Hector
2 Luís Camacho Matias and honoring his achievements and
3 contributions to Puerto Rico and the sport of boxing.

4 WHEREAS, Hector Luís Camacho Matias was born in Bayamon,
5 Puerto Rico, on May 24, 1962; and

6 WHEREAS, At the young age of three, Mr. Matias moved to
7 Spanish Harlem in New York City after his parents separated; and

8 WHEREAS, As an aggressive young man, Mr. Matias attended
9 Manhattan High School for Troubled Youths where he met a
10 language arts teacher who guided him through his early career in
11 boxing, helped him win three New York City Golden Gloves titles
12 and nicknamed him "Macho Camacho"; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Matias quickly took his career to the
14 professional level, winning his first professional fight in 1980
15 and later earning his first title crown as the World Boxing
16 Council Super Featherweight in 1983; and

17 WHEREAS, Known for his flamboyant personality and aggressive
18 style, Mr. Matias fought professionally for three decades and
19 flourished inside the boxing ring; and

1 WHEREAS, Despite his troubled personal life, Mr. Matias won a
2 number of super lightweight, lightweight and junior welterweight
3 titles in the 1980s and 1990s, fought high-profile bouts against
4 Felix Trinidad, Julio Cesar Chavez and Sugar Ray Leonard and
5 held a career record of 79-6-3, with 38 knockouts; and

6 WHEREAS, Sadly, Mr. Matias suffered fatal injuries in
7 November 2012 and was pronounced dead three days later at the
8 age of 50; and

9 WHEREAS, The late boxer's life was celebrated at Saint
10 Cecilia's Catholic Church, and he was buried at Saint Raymond's
11 Cemetery in the Bronx of New York City; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Frank Shelly expressed that Mr. Matias
13 lived the American dream in that he came from simple beginnings,
14 later became known to thousands of people and had the power to
15 lift up and inspire us; and

16 WHEREAS, Hector Luís Camacho Matias was a man loved not only
17 by the boxing world but also by the many people of Puerto Rico;
18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
20 life of Hector Luís Camacho Matias and honor his achievements
21 and contributions to Puerto Rico and the sport of boxing.