

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Pone Kingpetch posthumously upon the occasion of being inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame on June 10-11, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding athletes who distinguished themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; Pone Kingpetch was one such athlete and his life of athletic achievements inspired others and contributed to the respect and admiration of the sport of boxing; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Pone Kingpetch upon the occasion of being inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame at Hall of Fame Weekend on June 10-11, 2023 in Canastota, New York; and

WHEREAS, Pone Kingpetch became Thailand's first world boxing champion on April 16, 1960, when he defeated Pascual Perez of Argentina at Lumpini Boxing Stadium in Bangkok for the World Flyweight Championship; and

WHEREAS, After a loss, Pone Kingpetch regained the world championship title after outpointing Fighting Harada of Japan in a rematch on January 12, 1963; and

WHEREAS, On February 14, 1963, Pone Kingpetch, with the creation of the World Boxing Council, was named the first WBC Flyweight Champion; and

WHEREAS, In his final title, Pone Kingpetch won against Hiroyuki Ebihara in a rematch on January 23, 1964, to become a three time Flyweight Champion; and

WHEREAS, Pone Kingpetch retired from the sport of boxing in 1966 at the age of 31; he died on March 31, 1982, at the age of 47; and

WHEREAS, Pone Kingpetch clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of the International Boxing Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such outstanding athletic accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Pone Kingpetch upon the occasion of being inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame on June 10-11, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Pone Kingpetch.