

Senate Resolution No. 1114

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Rafael Marquez Mendez 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; Rafael Marquez Mendez is 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 Rafael Marquez Mendez 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, Born on March 25, 1975, Rafael Marquez Mendez is a former Mexican professional boxer who competed from 1995 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, Having held many prestigious titles, Rafael Marquez Mendez is a two-time world champion in two weight classes, having held the IBF Bantamweight title from 2003 to 2007, the WBC, Ring magazine, and Lineal Super Bantamweight titles in 2007; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Rafael Marquez Mendez held the IBO Bantamweight title from 2005 to 2007, and challenged once for WBO featherweight title in 2011; he was known for his formidable knockout power and relentless pressure fighting style; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout, has been his older brother, Juan Manuel Marquez, who is also a professional boxer and multiple-time world champion and has felt privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rafael Marquez Mendez 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 Rafael Marquez Mendez 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 Rafael Marquez Mendez.