

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Kenny Adams upon the occasion of his induction into the International Boxing Hall of Fame and Museum

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding professionals in the boxing industry who distinguished themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; Kenny Adams is one such individual, and his life of 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 Kenny Adams upon the occasion of his induction into the International Boxing Hall of Fame and Museum; he will be honored within the Non-Participant category of boxing at the 35th Anniversary celebration from June 6-9, 2024, in Canastota, New York; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Adams was born in Springfield, Missouri, on September 25, 1940; and

WHEREAS, A decorated United States Army veteran, Kenny Adams was Head Coach of the successful Army team that captured several national titles; he was also Assistant Coach of the 1984 United States Olympic boxing team that won 11 medals, including nine gold; as Head Coach, his 1988 team won eight medals, including three gold; and

WHEREAS, In early 1989, Kenny Adams relocated to Las Vegas, Nevada, and began training professional boxers; his first world champion was Rene Jacquot who defeated Donald Curry for the World Boxing Council (WBC) super welterweight belt in what was termed the "Upset of the Year" in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Known as a strict disciplinarian who places great emphasis on the mental aspect of the sport, Kenny Adams has guided 26 world champions, including the late Diego Corrales, Edwin Valero, Freddie Norwood, Frankie Liles, Terence Crawford, Johnny Tapia, Jorge Linares, Ray Mercer, Al Cole, Vince Phillips, Charles Murray, Eddie Cook, and Kennedy McKinney; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Adams' accomplishments have been significant to boxing throughout several decades; at the age of 83, he is still active in the sport; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Adams clearly contributed 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 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 Kenny Adams upon the occasion of his induction into the International Boxing Hall of Fame and Museum; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kenny Adams.