

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 35th Anniversary of the
International Boxing Hall of Fame in Canastota, New
York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor those enduring organizations which faithfully devote their resources and purposeful energies to supporting those who love the sport of boxing and contributing to the quality of life for the residents of the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the International Boxing Hall of Fame in Canastota, New York, to be celebrated with its newest class of inductees to be honored during the Hall of Fame Induction Weekend to be held June 6-9, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The Class of 2024 International Boxing Hall of Fame honorees, voted in by members of the Boxing Writers Association of America and a panel of international boxing historians, are: Ricky "The Hitman" Hatton and Ivan "Iron Boy" Calderon in the Men's Modern Category; Jane "The Fleetwood Assassin" Couch and "La Guerrera" Ana Maria Torres in the Women's Modern Category; Trainer Kenny Adams, Manager Jackie Kallen, and Publicist Fred Sternburg in the Non-Participant Category; Journalist Wallace Matthews and Broadcaster Nick Charles posthumously in the Observer Category; Luis Angel Firpo posthumously in the Old Timer Category; and lastly, Theresa Kibby posthumously in the Women's Trailblazer Category; and

WHEREAS, Canastota, New York is known as "Boxing's Hometown" and for the 2024 Hall of Fame Induction Weekend a myriad of events will take place at the village and nearby at Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, New York; throughout the four-day celebration, events will include ringside talks, fist casting, fight night, 5K race/fun run, boxing autograph card show, banquet, parade, and induction ceremony; and

WHEREAS, The International Boxing Hall of Fame opened to the public in 1989 and is dedicated to preserving the legacy of the great sport of boxing; it serves as a tribute to the world's finest boxers and contributors to the sport, allowing boxing enthusiasts to appreciate and celebrate the rich history and traditions of boxing; and

WHEREAS, The multi-year partnership between Turning Stone Resort Casino and the International Boxing Hall of Fame spotlights the entire region, garnering attention and boosting tourism in Central New York; the partnership includes a series of nationally-televised boxing events at Turning Stone, culminating every year in June with an elaborate and bigger-than-ever International Boxing Hall of Fame Weekend with several exciting events in Madison County and Oneida County throughout the four-day celebration; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the International Boxing Hall of Fame in Canastota, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the International Boxing Hall of Fame in Canastota, New York and aforementioned honorees.