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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Native Texan Eric Molina concluded his decorated
2 career as a professional boxer in 2023, and his accomplishments in
3 the ring are indeed deserving of recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, The "Drummer Boy," as he is known to his fans, made
5 his professional debut on March 17, 2007; despite losing that bout,
6 Mr. Molina soon launched a triumphant run, emerging victorious in
7 his next 18 fights; over the course of his 16 years as a
8 professional, he captured the World Boxing Council Latino
9 Championship in 2009, the WBC U.S. Heavyweight Championship in
10 2011, and the WBC North American Boxing Federation Heavyweight
11 Championship in 2013; on June 13, 2015, he faced Deontay Wilder for
12 the WBC World Heavyweight Championship in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and
13 the following year, he earned another chance at the heavyweight
14 belt against Anthony Joshua; after matching up against Simon Kean
15 on March 23, 2023, in Montreal, Canada, he retired with a career
16 record of 29 wins and 9 losses with 21 knockouts; and

17 WHEREAS, The son of Ricardo and Debbie Molina, Eric Molina
18 was born in Raymondville and raised in Sebastian; he graduated from
19 Lyford High School in 2000 and went on to receive a bachelor's
20 degree in interdisciplinary studies and a master's degree in
21 special education from The University of Texas at Brownsville;
22 throughout much of his boxing career, he also worked as a special
23 education teacher for the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School
24 District, and since 2019, he has served as the assistant director of

1 the City of Edinburg Parks and Recreation Department; in all his
2 endeavors, he benefits from the love and support of his wife,
3 Yesenia; and

4 WHEREAS, Eric Molina has proven himself a boxer of
5 exceptional ability and unrelenting determination, and his
6 brilliance in the ring will continue to be fondly remembered across
7 the Lone Star State and beyond for many years to come; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor Eric Molina for his achievements in
11 professional boxing and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
12 future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Mr. Molina as an expression of high regard by the Texas
15 House of Representatives.