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H.R. No. 564

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Prince Complex, Incorporated, in Houston is  
2 recognizing five outstanding honorees at its 2007 Gala, "A Knockout  
3 Affair," on March 1, 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1998, the nonprofit  
5 organization has offered athletic, recreational, and academic  
6 programs to thousands of disadvantaged youths in Houston, and this  
7 annual fund-raiser seeks to heighten awareness of this important  
8 facility and the services it provides in the community; and

9 WHEREAS, Bernard Hopkins is one of the individuals being  
10 honored at the 2007 gala; the current light heavyweight champion of  
11 the world, Mr. Hopkins made his name as the premier middleweight  
12 fighter of his generation; nicknamed "The Executioner," this  
13 hall-of-famer first claimed the middleweight crown in 1995, and he  
14 went on to defend his title in 20 consecutive bouts; and

15 WHEREAS, Raised in Philadelphia, Mr. Hopkins has become a role  
16 model for legions of fans in his hometown and beyond; he supports  
17 and participates in numerous charitable endeavors, most notably the  
18 Bernard and Shirley Hopkins Make a Way Foundation, which funds  
19 programs promoting safe and healthy activities for children; and

20 WHEREAS, The 2007 honorees have demonstrated an unwavering  
21 dedication to excellence in their respective fields of expertise  
22 while maintaining a steadfast commitment to helping others, and the  
23 receipt of this award brings well-deserved recognition to their  
24 many contributions; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
2   Legislature hereby congratulate Bernard Hopkins on being named an  
3   honoree of the Prince Complex, Incorporated, 2007 Gala and extend  
4   to him sincere best wishes for continued success in all his  
5   endeavors; and, be it further

6           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7   prepared for Mr. Hopkins as an expression of high regard by the  
8   Texas House of Representatives.