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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Angelica Martinez of Dallas has distinguished
2 herself as a professional boxer of great talent and potential whose
3 success in the ring has made her one of the world's leading
4 welterweight contenders; and

5 WHEREAS, A California native, "Angel" Martinez developed
6 into an athlete during her high school years and received a
7 basketball scholarship to Southwest Texas State University; after
8 an injury ended her basketball career, she served a tour of duty in
9 the U.S. Marine Corps and then settled in Dallas, where she first
10 took up the sport of boxing; and

11 WHEREAS, After competing in five amateur bouts, Angel
12 Martinez made her professional debut in July 2003; she quickly
13 proved herself a formidable fighter with excellent timing and a
14 classic boxing style; in January 2006, in just her fifth pro fight,
15 she bested Yvonne Reis to claim the Womens International Boxing
16 Association Intercontinental Welterweight Championship, a title
17 that she continues to hold; and

18 WHEREAS, Angel Martinez has gone on to establish an
19 outstanding record of six wins, two losses, and one draw and is
20 rated as one of the top female welterweights according to several
21 different ranking organizations; she has turned in impressive
22 performances against some of the best names in women's boxing, with
23 one of her finest wins to date being a 10-round unanimous decision
24 over famed women's boxer Christy Martin in October 2006; and

1 WHEREAS, A fierce competitor who has fully devoted herself to
2 her dream of athletic success, Angel Martinez has emerged as a
3 prominent female fighter who has captured the attention of boxing
4 fans around the world and brought further glory to the proud
5 sporting tradition of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Angel Martinez for her exceptional
8 performance as a professional boxer and extend to her best wishes
9 for continued success; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Ms. Martinez as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.