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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The World Boxing Council has served as a positive  
2 international influence in the sport of boxing for more than half a  
3 century; and

4           WHEREAS, One of four major entities that sanction world  
5 championship boxing fights, the World Boxing Council was created on  
6 February 14, 1963, in Mexico City; representatives from Argentina,  
7 Brazil, Chile, England, France, Mexico, Panama, Peru, the  
8 Philippines, the United States, and Venezuela were involved at the  
9 time of its establishment, and the WBC is now affiliated with more  
10 than 165 countries around the globe; over the years, the council has  
11 introduced rules and procedures that have transformed the sport,  
12 such as shortening title fights from 15 rounds to 12 and  
13 implementing a range of regulations to make the sport safer and  
14 fairer; and

15           WHEREAS, The WBC was led for nearly four decades by Dr. Jose  
16 Sulaimán Chagnón, who served as president from 1975 until his death  
17 in 2014; his many achievements included expanding the council's  
18 global reach and creating World Boxing Cares, a nonprofit  
19 initiative in which boxing celebrities visit children at hospitals,  
20 orphanages, and youth centers; and

21           WHEREAS, Since the passing of Dr. Sulaimán, the WBC has been  
22 guided by his son, Mauricio Sulaimán, who had assisted his father  
23 for many years and had served as executive secretary before  
24 assuming his present roles as president and chief executive

1 officer; dedicated to boxing safety, Mauricio Sulaimán organized an  
2 annual convention for the review and improvement of regulations;  
3 moreover, the WBC continues to be active in community affairs by  
4 supporting a range of charitable efforts; and

5 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, the WBC has excelled in its  
6 mission of promoting the sport of boxing while serving as a unifying  
7 force in the many nations in which it operates and among the diverse  
8 array of athletes with whom it is affiliated; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby honor the contributions of the World Boxing  
11 Council and extend to all those associated with the organization  
12 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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