

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 140845)

RESOLUTION

Honoring heavyweight boxer, Philadelphia native, and Germantown High School graduate, Steve “USS” Cunningham on his recent boxing victory at the 2300 Arena.

WHEREAS, Cunningham is a Philadelphia native and a member of the Germantown High School Class of 1994 with ongoing ties to the City through his trainer, Naazim Richardson whose boxing camp known as “Concrete Jungle” got its start in Germantown’s Happy Hollow Playground; and

WHEREAS, On October 18, 2014 at South Philadelphia’s 2300 Arena, boxer, Steve Cunningham won a decisive victory over the previously undefeated heavyweight Natsu “The Truth” Visinia; and

WHEREAS, Although Visinia outweighed Cunningham by 73 pounds, the fight was called for Cunningham due to multiple cuts on Visinia’s face and mouth after only seven rounds; and

WHEREAS, Cunningham, who typically fights as a cruiserweight, has fought his most recent opponents in a heavyweight weight class. Despite advice that he should not fight, he continues to do so to help cover medical expenses for his daughter as she awaits a heart transplant; and

WHEREAS, Even though many counseled Cunningham to pull out of this most recent fight, his determination and ultimate victory can be attributed to the love for and inspiration from his nine year old daughter Kennedy who is suffering from a congenital heart ailment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the council of the city of Philadelphia hereby congratulates and honors heavyweight boxer, Philadelphia native, and Germantown High School graduate, Steve “USS” Cunningham on his recent boxing victory at the 2300 Arena.

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Steve Cunningham as evidence of the high esteem in which he is held by this legislative body. We especially send our prayers to Steve and his whole family during these challenging times as they await a successful outcome in his daughter Kennedy's fight for life.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty-third day of October, 2014.

Darrell L. Clarke
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Bass

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Bass, Kenney, O'Brien, Blackwell, Jones, Goode, Quiñones Sánchez, Reynolds Brown, Squilla, Tasco, O'Neill and Oh