

Legislation Text

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Honoring and recognizing Boxer Danny “Swift” Garcia on his unification of the World Light Welterweight Title.

WHEREAS, Danny Garcia is a proud Philadelphia native, born on March 20th 1988, and raised in the Juniata section of North Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Danny began training at the Harrowgate Boxing Club at the age of 10, and continued a proud tradition of boxing in the Garcia family; and

WHEREAS, Danny was introduced to the sport by his father Angel, a former boxer, who continues to serve as Danny’s coach and trainer; and

WHEREAS, Danny progressed rapidly in his amateur career, earning national championships in 2005 and 2006, and establishing himself as one of the most promising young boxers in the country; and

WHEREAS, Danny began his professional career in 2007 at the age of 19 against Mike Denby, delivering a powerful first round knockout in just over 1 minute; and

WHEREAS, Over the next 4 years Danny amassed an undefeated record of 22-0, with an impressive 14 knockouts, and earned a title shot against boxing legend and Light Welterweight Champion, Erik Morales; and

WHEREAS, March 23rd 2012, Danny achieved a stunning upset victory over Morales, scoring an 11th round knockdown and an overwhelming unanimous decision, earning the WBC Light Welterweight Title; and

WHEREAS, Danny followed this victory with a bout on July 14th 2012, against longtime WBA Champion, Amir Khan; and

WHEREAS, Danny was victorious, scoring 3 knockdowns before the fight was stopped in the 4th round; and

WHEREAS, Danny is now recognized by *Ring Magazine* as the world Light Welterweight Champion, and is scheduled for a much anticipated rematch with Erik Morales on October 10th 2012; and

WHEREAS, Danny is extremely proud of his Philadelphia and Puerto Rican heritage and is he is deeply honored to bring this world championship to Philadelphia.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT, RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Honors and recognizes Danny Garcia on his tremendous accomplishments in the boxing ring. His incredible success is a tribute to his determination, skill, and the support of his family. He has brought great pride to the entire City of Philadelphia, and we wish him many more years of success.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Danny Garcia and his family as a sincere expression of City Council’s appreciation.

