

Legislation Text

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Recognizing and Honoring Lynne Carter for her momentous induction into the Pennsylvania Boxing Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, In February of 2019, Lynne Carter was inducted into the Pennsylvania Boxing Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, A Philadelphia native, Lynne Carter has had a career in boxing for over 35 years. She was an apprentice under Commissioner James J. Binns, Executive Secretary Francis Walker, and Chief Inspector Charles Campbell. She was trained by Smokin' Joe Frazier, the former Heavyweight Champion of the World and Carol Polis, the first female Boxing Judge in the United States, on the basics of boxing; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, she became one of the first females to start judging in Philadelphia, and later became licensed in New Jersey. Her goal was to work in Atlantic City, even though, at the time that was a challenging task in a male dominated field; and

WHEREAS, During her career, Lynne has had to overcome many obstacles. Her knowledge of the sport would be questioned because of her gender. However, Lynne did not let the negativity of other people stop her ambition; and

WHEREAS, Lynne's reputation grew with time and she established herself as one of the elite judges of the sport. She was the first female to judge a fight in Connecticut, and the First African American Female to judge a fight in New Jersey. Additionally, she was the First African American Female to judge for the World Boxing Association, the World Boxing Organization and the World Boxing Union; and

WHEREAS, Lynne has judged over 750 boxing matches across six different continents. She has judged many world title matches, including Johns-Hopkins I, Judah-Rangel, Ademek-Gunn, Gamgoa-Solis, Ibragimov-Briggs, as well as many other non-title fights; and

WHEREAS, Lynne has received many awards and accolades for her work. In addition to being inducted in Pennsylvania Boxing Hall of Fame this year, in 2012, Lynne was inducted into the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Lynne has crossed paths with many of the legends in the sport. She herself has become a legend in her own right. She has paved the road for other women to enter the boxing world, and has trained and assisted upcoming female apprentices in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. She will continue to be at her best and strive for more; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby recognizes and honors Lynne Carter for her momentous induction into the Pennsylvania Boxing Hall of Fame.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Lynne Carter as a sincere expression of the Council of the City of Philadelphia's gratitude, admiration and recognition.

