THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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Session of 2011

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, DECEMBER 7, 2011

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and extending condolences upon the death of champion boxer, Joseph William Frazier.
- 3 WHEREAS, The members of the Pennsylvania House of
- 4 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to the
- 5 family and friends of Joseph William Frazier, who passed away at
- 6 the age of 67 on November 7, 2011; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Frazier was born on January 12, 1944, in
- 8 Beaufort, South Carolina. At the age of 15, Mr. Frazier left
- 9 Beaufort to pursue an amateur boxing career in Philadelphia,
- 10 Pennsylvania, where he resided until his death; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Frazier, as an amateur boxer, won the Middle
- 12 Atlantic Golden Gloves heavyweight championship three
- 13 consecutive years, in 1962, 1963 and 1964; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Mr. Frazier competed in the 1964 Olympic games held
- 2 in Tokyo winning the United States of America's only boxing gold
- 3 medal that year after defeating three international competitors;
- 4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, In 1976, Mr. Frazier retired from an eleven-year
- 6 professional boxing career and began mentoring and training
- 7 local boxers in Philadelphia; and
- 8 WHEREAS, After attempting a comeback in 1981, Mr. Frazier
- 9 decided to retire indefinitely; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Frazier's overall boxing record was 32 wins, 4
- 11 losses and 1 draw, with 27 wins by knockout, and he was a member
- 12 of the International Boxing Hall of Fame; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mr. Frazier will be remembered for his resilience
- 14 and he will be greatly missed, but his boxing legacy will be
- 15 forever remembered; therefore be it
- 16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its
- 17 sadness upon the passing of Joseph William Frazier and offer its
- 18 condolences to his family and friends; and be it further
- 19 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
- 20 Mr. Frazier's family.