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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Talia Halvorsen on the  
4 successful conclusion of her Olympic boxing career; and

5 WHEREAS, From her home base in Harwood Heights, Talia  
6 Halvorsen, born on November 9, 2005, started her journey as a  
7 sister of Thomas Halvorsen, Shayna Halvorsen, Jon Halvorsen,  
8 and Mayah Halvorsen; and

9 WHEREAS, Early in life, Talia Halvorsen was able to  
10 observe and to learn about several of the cultures of  
11 rules-based personal combat, as her brother, Thomas, was a  
12 boxer and her brother, Jon, became a varsity wrestler at  
13 Northwestern University; and

14 WHEREAS, At Gregory Boxing in nearby Des Plaines, Talia  
15 Halvorsen became conditioned into the lore and realities of  
16 boxing, which is a complete way of life; and

17 WHEREAS, As a boxer, Talia Halvorsen rose to the USA  
18 Boxing National Championships and was named USA Boxing Youth  
19 National Champion in 2021, 2022, and 2023; and

20 WHEREAS, Talia Halvorsen is a two-time National Silver

1 Glove Champion and was invited to the U.S. Olympic and  
2 Paralympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado to  
3 compete with the members of Boxing Team USA; and

4 WHEREAS, As an 18-year-old and at the climax of her  
5 Olympic boxing career, Talia Halvorsen made the U.S. Olympic  
6 trials for the Summer Games of 2024; and

7 WHEREAS, Talia Halvorsen has moved to the next phase of  
8 her boxing life by going pro, meeting an opponent in her first  
9 pro match on April 19, 2025; and

10 WHEREAS, This first match was a short one, with Talia  
11 Halvorsen stopping her opponent in the first 64 seconds; after  
12 celebrating her KO victory, she made plans to go to her second  
13 pro bout to be held in July 2025; and

14 WHEREAS, Throughout her boxing life and, now, her boxing  
15 career, Talia Halvorsen has been supported by her  
16 small-business owner parents, electrical contractor Tom  
17 Halvorsen (Chicagoland Electric) and cosmetologist Jen Pierce  
18 (Colours Hair Salon); and

19 WHEREAS, A discussion of Talia Halvorsen, boxer, would not  
20 be complete without mentioning coaches Jason Brandstetter and  
21 Wayne Gregory of Gregory Boxing; there is no world of boxing,

1 for any young person, without guides to that world with the  
2 knowledge of what it actually is; and

3 WHEREAS, The amazing success of boxer Talia Halvorsen is a  
4 family story, marked by the support shown to her by the persons  
5 who are closest to her; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
7 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we congratulate Talia Halvorsen on the successful conclusion  
9 of her Olympic boxing career, and we wish her the greatest  
10 possible success in her future boxing life and career as a  
11 professional; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to Talia Halvorsen as a symbol of our respect and  
14 esteem.