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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2006

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**CONGRATULATING MELISSA FIORENTINO ON WINNING THE IWBF
FEATHERWEIGHT AND LIGHTWEIGHT BOXING TITLES**

Introduced By: Representatives Schadone, and Corvese

Date Introduced: June 20, 2006

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Melissa "The Fury" Fiorentino is a Cranston native born in 1977. She is a
2 Roger Williams College graduate, and is employed as a Rhode Island Deputy Marshall. Melissa's
3 first love in life has always been boxing. Her rapid fire, hard hitting fighting style has led her to
4 be described as the "Rocky Marciano of women's boxing"; and

5 WHEREAS, Her boxing career began auspiciously when she won the Championship of
6 the 139 pound division at the 2000 US Boxing Everlast National Championship. In 2001, Melissa
7 turned professional and won her debut match in thrilling fashion with a first-round TKO of
8 Vanessa Pine from Puerto Rico; and

9 WHEREAS, Melissa has taken on all the leading fighters over the last four years,
10 culminating in 2005 with a smashing ten-round unanimous decision over Esther Schouten at the
11 Rhode Island Convention Center to win the IWBF Featherweight title. Melissa showed her
12 courage and fighting spirit as she overcame a bloody head butt to win the Championship; and

13 WHEREAS, It is arguable that Melissa's greatest win was in 2006 when she fought her
14 local rival, lightweight champion Jaime Clampitt of Narragansett, in a highly-anticipated
15 showdown. In ten rounds of heart-stopping, non-stop action, Melissa won a hard fought
16 unanimous decision to take the IWBF lightweight crown; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
18 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Melissa Fiorentino for winning the IWBF
19 Featherweight and Lightweight boxing championships, and wishes her continued success in all

1 her future fights and endeavors; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to

3 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Melissa Fiorentino.

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