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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing Ronald "Winky" Wright.

WHEREAS, born November 26, 1971, in Washington, D.C., St. Petersburg resident Ronald "Winky" Wright began his professional boxing career in October 1990 and fought out of Tampa and Orlando before competing in France, England, Argentina, and South Africa, and

WHEREAS, using his slick defensive style of boxing to gain victories over such highly regarded boxers as Stevie Johnston, Winky won the 1990 Olympic Festival Championship and in 2001, in a 12-round decision against Robert Frazier, won the vacant International Boxing Federation Light Middleweight title, and

WHEREAS, after a reported 69 amateur fights under his belt, Winky made an almost seamless transition into the pros and, never backing down from a challenge, has a record of 49 fights, or a total of 279 rounds, including 97 World Championship rounds in professional boxing, and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2004, before 9,017 boxing fans in Las Vegas, three-to-one underdog southpaw Ronald "Winky" Wright, employing rapier-like right jabs, whistling left crosses, and jackhammer left punches, scored an impressive, unanimous 12-round decision against World Boxing Association and World Boxing Council Champion Sugar Shane Mosley to become, for the first time in the sport's 29-year history, the undisputed Light Middleweight Champion of the World, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

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31 That the House of Representatives is pleased to welcome
32 Ronald "Winky" Wright, to extend its heartiest congratulations
33 upon his winning the undisputed title of Light Middleweight
34 Champion of the World, and to offer its sincere wishes for a
35 continuing career of unlimited success.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
37 presented to Ronald "Winky" Wright, Light Middleweight Champion
38 of the World, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed
39 herein.