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House Resolution

A resolution honoring Tavoris Cloud, the International Boxing Federation Light Heavyweight Champion.

WHEREAS, a native of Tallahassee, Florida, Tavoris "Thunder" Cloud knew at the age of 16 that he would become a boxer and believed that he had the skills and will to become a world champion, and

WHEREAS, guided by recent Boxing Hall of Famer Al Bonanni, Tavoris embarked upon a grueling and dedicated training regimen designed to ensure that his rise from amateur to champion would be successful, and

WHEREAS, as a result, Tavoris had success early, winning the U.S. Under-19 National Championship in 2000 and, in his professional debut in 2004 in Ocala, Florida, beating undefeated Luis Reyes by a third round TKO, and

WHEREAS, with his undefeated record currently at 23 wins, 19 of which were by knockout, a staggering knockout percentage of 83 percent, and known for throwing close to 100 punches a round, Tavoris "Thunder" Cloud is a determined, strong, and relentless opponent in the ring, and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Tavoris earned his title as IBF Light Heavyweight Champion in a stellar performance against veteran opponent Clinton Woods, and is patiently awaiting his next major opportunity to quiet any remaining skeptics and establish his position among the boxing elite, and

WHEREAS, with a growing fan base that recognizes his drive and talent each time he enters the ring and with each succeeding

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29 | victory affirming that recognition, Tavoris Cloud's popularity
30 | and renown in the worldwide boxing community will inevitably
31 | grow, NOW, THEREFORE,

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33 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
34 | Florida:

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36 | That Tavoris "Thunder" Cloud is congratulated on winning
37 | the International Boxing Federation Light Heavyweight
38 | Championship and is extended sincere wishes for a long and
39 | continuing career of championship success.

40 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
41 | presented to Tavoris Cloud as a tangible token of the sentiments
42 | expressed herein.