

**No. R-502. House concurrent resolution congratulating Ernie Farrar of St. Albans on his induction into the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame.**

(H.C.R.348)

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, Beyor of Highgate, Branagan of Georgia, Connor of Fairfield, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Fiske of Enosburgh, Gamache of Swanton, Murphy of Fairfax, Parent of St. Albans Town, Pearce of Richford, and Savage of Swanton

Offered by: Senator Degree

Whereas, the mission of the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame is to “recognize those individuals whose achievements and efforts have enhanced sports, athletics and recreation in the Green Mountain State,” and

Whereas, for the past 46 years, Ernie Farrar of St. Albans has been a familiar voice on 620 News/Talk WVMT radio, and he is heard weekdays as a member of the popular Charlie + Ernie + Lisa in the Morning team, and

Whereas, while enjoying his on-air career, Ernie Farrar has long promoted the revival of Golden Gloves amateur boxing in Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1976, before traveling to Montreal, the U.S. Olympic boxing team practiced in Burlington, but amateur boxing, in the form of Golden Gloves competition, had ceased to exist in Vermont, and

Whereas, the U.S. team’s Vermont stay inspired Ernie Farrar to reestablish Golden Gloves competition, starting with borrowed equipment and the staging of amateur boxing matches at the Burlington Boys Club, and

Whereas, these fight nights’ popularity increased, and he relocated them to their current location at Burlington’s Memorial Auditorium, and

Whereas, Vermont Golden Gloves competition features top-flight amateur boxers from Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, many of whom achieve success on the regional and national levels, and

Whereas, in 2000, Vermont’s administrative structure for overseeing amateur boxing competition did not comply with Golden Gloves’ national criteria, and

Whereas, Ernie Farrar advocated successfully for the General Assembly to pass the required legislation to bring Vermont’s Golden Gloves governance into organizational compliance, and

Whereas, in order to promote amateur boxing regionally, Ernie Farrar has also been associated with USA Boxing New England, and

Whereas, he has coauthored the book *Gloves: The Stories of Vermont’s Greatest Boxers, Trainers and Personalities*, and

Whereas, in 2015, in recognition of Ernie Farrar’s long-standing dedication to the vitality and future of Golden Gloves boxing in Vermont, the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame inducted him into its ranks, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Ernie Farrar of St. Albans on his induction into the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ernie Farrar.