

House Resolution 1979

By: Representatives Brooks of the 63rd and Forster of the 3rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating O'Neil Bell; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, O'Neil Bell has won the 2005 World Boxing Commission Cruiserweight Title;
3 and
- 4 WHEREAS, this triumph caps an incredible boxing career for this potent pugilist who has
5 compiled an outstanding record of 24 wins, one loss, and one draw; and
- 6 WHEREAS, trainer James Plenty guided him to victory with strong leadership and
7 determination; and
- 8 WHEREAS, O'Neil Bell trained at the legendary Atlanta Art of Boxing in preparation for
9 this great challenge; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the World Boxing Commission is comprised of talented athletes such as O'Neil
11 Bell, Evander Holyfield, and Vernon Forrest; and
- 12 WHEREAS, thanks to much hard work and a dedication to excellence, Mr. Bell has brought
13 great honor to the city of Atlanta and the community by winning this prestigious title; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in an astonishing display of skill, O'Neil Bell was catapulted into boxing's elite
15 upper echelon when he knocked out his opponent, Jean-Marc Mormeck, and became the first
16 fighter since Evander Holyfield to unify the cruiserweight title; and
- 17 WHEREAS, O'Neil Bell epitomizes the courage, determination, leadership, and character
18 necessary to attain excellence in athletic prowess and performance and to achieve success
19 as an individual and a citizen; and

1 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the superlative skills and outstanding
2 accomplishments of this renowned ring warrior be recognized appropriately.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body commend O'Neil Bell for his unprecedented athletic performance,
5 congratulate him upon his attainment of world cruiserweight champion, and wish him all
6 possible success as he begins the defense of his boxing title.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to O'Neil Bell.