

## House Resolution 1868

By: Representatives Wilkerson of the 38<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 41<sup>st</sup>, Evans of the 42<sup>nd</sup>, Sharper of the 177<sup>th</sup>, Prince of the 127<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending boxing coach Deshone Williams for his work in the  
2 community; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, born in Detroit, Michigan, boxing coach Deshone Williams was introduced to  
4 the art of Shotokan Karate as a young child, a craft he honed after moving to Jersey City,  
5 New Jersey, where he won his first Lightweight Grand Champion title at the age of 17; and

6 WHEREAS, after four years of service with the Marine Corps, Deshone entered and won the  
7 Diamond Gloves Welterweight title of New Jersey, and shortly thereafter, he began fighting  
8 professionally as a kick boxer; and

9 WHEREAS, after winning 16 pro kickboxing bouts, he switched professions and became a  
10 pro boxer, maintaining an astounding record and winning 26 professional victories; and

11 WHEREAS, though a terrible accident left him unable to continue his boxing career, after  
12 a year of recovery, he began training amateur and professional fighters in the skill of boxing  
13 and kickboxing; and

14 WHEREAS, in the midst of his recovery, Deshone was introduced to Jesus Christ as his Lord  
15 and Savior, and he was inspired to join Jameson Bible College for theology, becoming an  
16 ordained minister upon graduation; he has taught and preached the word of God across the  
17 United States and overseas; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2001, he relocated to Atlanta, Georgia, where he trained numerous  
19 professional fighters, including Michael Ray Robinson, Patrick Riley, Ijeoma Egbunine,  
20 Wayland Willingham, Mark Medal, and a host of prominent fighters; and

21 WHEREAS, Deshone was awarded for his accomplishments, winning Coach of the Year  
22 three consecutive years, and today, he continues to progressively train fighters, is a youth  
23 speaker at Trinity Chapel Church in Atlanta, and is a pillar in the community; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
25 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body recognize boxing coach Deshone Williams for his work in the  
28 community and commend him for his exemplary feats in the sports of kick boxing and pro  
29 boxing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
32 Deshone Williams.