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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**HONORING PROVIDENCE NATIVE AND WBO MIDDLEWEIGHT BOXING CHAMPION  
DEMETRIUS ANDRADE**

Introduced By: Representatives Noret, Mattiello, Shekarchi, Jackson, and Serpa

Date Introduced: May 21, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Demetrius Andrade was born in Providence, Rhode Island, on February 26,  
2 1988. He began his pugilistic training at the young age of six and quickly earned recognition for  
3 his toughness, quick hands, and elite-level boxing skills. He also earned the nickname of "Boo  
4 Boo" an endearing moniker that became as well-known as his given name; and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. Andrade had a sterling boxing career as an amateur. He won the 2005  
6 United States Amateur Boxing Championship and repeated as champion in 2006. He also won the  
7 National Gold Glove Championships in 2006 and 2007, won the Gold Medal at the 2007 World  
8 Amateur Boxing Championships, and represented the United States at the 2008 Summer  
9 Olympics in Beijing, China; and

10           WHEREAS, Since turning professional in 2008, Mr. Andrade has compiled a perfect 27-  
11 0 record. He accomplished this incredible feat by knocking out 17 of his opponents, and winning  
12 ten bouts by decision. His professional career began auspiciously when he dispatched Patrick  
13 Cape in a second-round knockout in his first professional fight. He went on to win his next  
14 eighteen fights, mostly by knockouts or technical knockouts; and

15           WHEREAS, In 2013, Mr. Andrade got his first shot at a title when he faced Armenian  
16 fighter Vanes Martirosyan at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. In a tough, hard-hitting fight, he  
17 fought back after being knocked down in the first round and used his superior boxing skills to win  
18 a split decision and the WBO Light Middleweight Title; and

19           WHEREAS, Mr. Andrade would follow up his title win by easily dispatching British

1 challenger Brian Rose in his first title defense. He then faced Argentine Boxer Dario Rose  
2 Pucheta at Mohegan Sun for the vacant WBO International Light Middleweight Title. In an  
3 amazing show of boxing prowess, he knocked down his opponent, Dario, in the first round and  
4 knocked him out in the second round with a devastating right hand punch; and

5 WHEREAS, In an eliminator fight, Mr. Andrade met veteran contender Willie Nelson  
6 and won a tough 12 round TKO in which he knocked down Nelson four times before the fight  
7 was called in Andrade's favor. His next fight was against Jack Culcay for the WBA "Regular"  
8 Light Middleweight Title. He won a split decision to become a two-time World Champion, with  
9 most observers believing that he had clearly outperformed Mr. Culcay; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2017, Mr. Andrade decided to fight as a Middleweight, with his first  
11 opponent being the then-undefeated Alantez Fox. In a dominating performance, he easily  
12 outpointed Alantez to win a unanimous decision and a shot at the vacant WBO Middleweight  
13 Crown in 2018 against Walter Kautondokwa, who also entered this title fight with an undefeated  
14 record. In arguably the best performance of his amazing career, Mr. Andrade thoroughly  
15 dominated Mr. Kautondokwa at the TD Garden in Boston, knocking him down multiple times  
16 early in the fight and cruising to a unanimous decision to win the WBO Middleweight Title; and

17 WHEREAS, In his first title defense, held in New York City, Mr. Andrade dispatched  
18 Artur Akavov in twelve rounds to win by TKO. He will be coming home to Rhode Island for his  
19 next fight, and will face Maciej Sulecki at the Dunkin Donuts Center in front of what will  
20 assuredly be a raucous hometown crowd rooting for a Providence champion to maintain his  
21 middleweight title; now, therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
23 Providence Plantations hereby honors Providence native and WBO Middleweight Boxing  
24 Champion Demetrius Andrade, and wishes him continued success in his next title defense being  
25 held at the Dunkin Donuts Center on June 29, 2019; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
27 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Demetrius Andrade.

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