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5 By: Senator Salmon

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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 COMMENDING LOCAL BOXING HERO JERMAIN TAYLOR AND
10 EXPRESSING SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR HIS
11 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK AND THE
12 STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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14 **Subtitle**

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18 THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK AND THE STATE OF
19 ARKANSAS.

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22 WHEREAS, Jermain Taylor was born in Little Rock, Arkansas on August 11,
23 1978 to his loving mother, Carlois Reynolds, whose strength and values
24 enabled Jermain to grow up quickly and help raise his two younger sisters;
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27 WHEREAS, through hard work, dedication, and perseverance Jermain Taylor
28 has risen from humble beginnings to become not only a survivor, but a huge
29 success; and

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31 WHEREAS, Ozell Nelson, Jermain's mentor and co-trainer spent countless
32 hours working with and driving Jermain to Golden Gloves and other boxing
33 tournaments; and

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35 WHEREAS, Ozell Nelson had a tremendous influence on Jermain during his
36 youth and was instrumental in helping Jermain become the person he is today;



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3 WHEREAS, Jermain Taylor is the 1998 and 1999 national Golden Gloves
4 champion; the 1998 Goodwill Games Bronze Medalist; the 2000 Eastern Olympic
5 Trials champion; and the Bronze Medalist from the 2000 Olympic Games; and

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7 WHEREAS, the twenty-five-year-old unbeaten middleweight contender has
8 gone from a young professional fighter to a rising star with a world title
9 fight in his sights in just a few years; and

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11 WHEREAS, Jermain Taylor has a professional boxing record of nineteen
12 wins, no losses, and no ties with fourteen knockouts; and

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14 WHEREAS, Jermain "Bad Intentions" Taylor is ranked in the top ten by
15 all major boxing sanctioning organizations, and won his last fight on January
16 9, 2004, in just fifty-four seconds with a knockout of Alex Rios; and

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18 WHEREAS, upon becoming a professional fighter Taylor promised to bring
19 a nationally televised fight to his hometown, and has delivered with three
20 fights in central Arkansas, including his victory over Freddie Cuevas on
21 August 7, 2003, at Alltel Arena in North Little Rock in a nationally
22 televised match on ESPN 2, which won Taylor the WBC Continental Americas
23 title; and

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25 WHEREAS, Taylor has never forgotten his Arkansas roots, bringing
26 professional boxing on a national level to central Arkansas, acting as an
27 enthusiastic ambassador to Little Rock and the natural state, and performing
28 community service whenever his busy schedule permits; and

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30 WHEREAS, Taylor graciously donated his winnings after his November 23,
31 2001, fight at Madison Square Garden in New York City to the families of the
32 9/11 victims; and

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34 WHEREAS, Taylor frequently speaks to the Little Rock Boys and Girls
35 Clubs, attends virtually all charity events upon request, and particularly
36 enjoys visits to the Arkansas Children's Hospital,

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NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That the Senate, on behalf of the entire State of Arkansas, hereby
commends the hard work and achievements of Jermain Taylor and expresses
sincere gratitude for his service and goodwill to the City of Little Rock and
the State of Arkansas.