

House Resolution 1290

By: Representative Mallow of the 163rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Evander Holyfield as an ambassador of good will; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Evander Holyfield, born the youngest of nine children on October 19, 1962, is
4 an American former professional boxer who competed between 1984 and 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, he reigned as the undisputed champion in both the cruiserweight and
6 heavyweight division, being the first and only boxer to date to do so and thereby earning the
7 nickname of "The Real Deal"; and

8 WHEREAS, Holyfield is the only four-time world heavyweight champion, having held the
9 unified WBA, WBC, and IBF titles from 1990 to 1992, the WBA and IBF titles again from
10 1993 to 1994, the WBA title a third time from 1996 to 1999, the IBF title a third time from
11 1997 to 1999, and the WBA title for a fourth time from 2000 to 2001; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1996, he defeated Mike Tyson and reclaimed the WBA title, in what was
13 named by *The Ring* magazine the Fight of the Year and Upset of the Year; and

14 WHEREAS, this made Holyfield the first boxer since Muhammad Ali to win a world
15 heavyweight title three times; and

16 WHEREAS, Holyfield won a 1997 rematch against Tyson, which saw the latter disqualified
17 in round three for biting off part of Holyfield's ear; and

18 WHEREAS, Holyfield retired in 2014 with a record of 44-10-2, earning his rank as number
19 77 on *The Ring's* list of the 100 greatest punchers of all time; in 2002, the magazine named
20 him the 22nd greatest fighter of the past 80 years; and

21 WHEREAS, he currently ranks number 91 in BoxRec's ranking of the greatest pound for
22 pound boxers of all time, and Boxing Scene ranked him the greatest cruiserweight of all time;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, On June 11, 2017, he was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame
25 in Canastota, New York; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
27 extraordinary individual be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Evander Holyfield as an ambassador of
30 good will for his many outstanding accomplishments and extend sincere best wishes for
31 future health and happiness.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
34 Evander Holyfield.