

NO. R-89. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING  
BOB OBDRZALEK OF SPRINGFIELD ON HIS DESIGNATION AS USA  
BOXING NEW ENGLAND'S VERMONT COACH OF THE YEAR.

(H.C.R.58)

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Springfield, Emmons of Springfield,  
Pellett of Chester and Shand of Weathersfield

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, Bob Obdrzalek was born in the former Czechoslovakia, where he  
was a middleweight boxing champion, and

Whereas, beginning in 2002, Bob Obdrzalek started to coach boxing in  
northern New England with a goal of guiding a new generation of the sport's  
enthusiasts, and

Whereas, in 2003, while coaching in New Hampshire, one of his boxers  
won the Vermont Golden Gloves award, and this number rose to four the  
following year, and

Whereas, in 2005, Bob Obdrzalek received a manager-trainer boxing award,  
and

Whereas, 2005 marked a watershed for Vermont boxers when Bob  
Obdrzalek opened the Springfield Boxing Club, and

Whereas, Bob Obdrzalek credits his boxers' dedication as a major reason  
for their success, and his training program at the Springfield Boxing Club  
focuses on making certain that safety is paramount, and

Whereas, in 2007, one of the Springfield Boxing Club's members earned  
the Golden Gloves designation while two others were designated as runners-up

for this honor, and in 2008, an identical alignment of award winners also emerged from the club, and

Whereas, since opening the Springfield Boxing Club, Bob Obdrzalek has been awarded the Vermont Golden Gloves Jimmy Sheridan Memorial Manager-Trainer award, and

Whereas, three of his younger boxers won first-place trophies at the November 1, 2008 Junior Olympic Bouts held in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and

Whereas, in recognition of his demonstrated success as a boxing coach, Bob Obdrzalek has been designated as USA Boxing New England's 2008 Vermont Coach of the Year, a well-deserved honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Bob Obdrzalek of Springfield on his designation as USA Boxing New England's Vermont Coach of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bob Obdrzalek in Springfield.