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Honoring Kelly Pavlik, the undisputed middleweight boxing champion, his trainer Jack Loew, Team Pavlik and Pavlik's fans in Northeast Ohio.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 10, 2007

Mr. RYAN of Ohio submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Honoring Kelly Pavlik, the undisputed middleweight boxing champion, his trainer Jack Loew, Team Pavlik and Pavlik's fans in Northeast Ohio.

Whereas Kelly Pavlik became the undisputed World Middleweight Champion and the pride of his hometown of Youngstown, Ohio when he defeated Jermain Taylor on September 29, 2007, in Atlantic City, New Jersey, by way of knockout in the seventh round to earn the WBC and WBO Middleweight titles;

Whereas Kelly Pavlik's victory on September 29th was the culmination of his determined ascent through the ranks of the Middleweight boxing division, generating much needed excitement in the world of boxing and instilling immense pride in the people of Northeast Ohio's Mahoning Valley;

Whereas Jack Loew, longtime boxing trainer at the South Side Boxing Club in Youngstown, is Kelly Pavlik's first and only trainer, starting when Pavlik was just nine years old and resulting in an unwavering loyalty between Pavlik and Loew;

Whereas Jack Loew and Team Pavlik have always believed in Kelly Pavlik's ability to become champion, and have done a tremendous job preparing him for every fight;

Whereas most boxing analysts favored Taylor to win the fight;

Whereas Kelly Pavlik's upset performance was nothing short of spectacular, having overcome a devastating barrage of punches from Jermain Taylor during the second round of the fight which knocked Pavlik to the canvas;

Whereas the Youngstown area, which is in the midst of a dramatic comeback itself, is exceptionally proud of its hometown hero and sent an estimated 5,000 supporters to Atlantic City to watch Pavlik's title fight;

Whereas Pavlik's victory takes his professional record to 32 wins, 0 losses, and 0 draws, with 29 of his 32 victories coming by way of knockout;

Whereas Kelly Pavlik is an outstanding citizen of the Youngstown area and his hard work and determination have set an example in which all people should live by; and

Whereas Kelly Pavlik represents the Mahoning Valley with humility and grace, has never forgotten where he came from and is a symbol for the fighting spirit of the Mahoning Valley: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) congratulates Kelly Pavlik on his victory
2 September 29th, 2007 which earned him the World
3 Middleweight Boxing Championship; and

4 (2) honors Kelly Pavlik for his commitment and
5 continuing loyalty to his community.

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