

Senate Resolution 162

By: Senators Beach of the 21st, Mullis of the 53rd, Black of the 8th, Ginn of the 47th and Gooch of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Evander Holyfield on being inducted into the International Boxing Hall of
2 Fame; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Evander Holyfield, born on October 19, 1962, the youngest of nine children,
4 was raised amid harsh conditions in Atlanta; and

5 WHEREAS, as an amateur boxer, Evander represented the United States at the 1984 Summer
6 Olympics, winning a bronze medal in the light heavyweight division; and

7 WHEREAS, he competed as a professional boxer from 1984 to 2011 and is the only
8 four-time world heavyweight champion; and

9 WHEREAS, Evander reigned as the undisputed champion in both the cruiserweight and
10 heavyweight divisions, becoming the first and only boxer to do so, thereby earning the
11 nickname of "The Real Deal"; and

12 WHEREAS, Evander retired from professional boxing with a record of 44 wins, ten losses,
13 and two ties, with 29 victories by knockout; and

14 WHEREAS, Evander "The Real Deal" Holyfield was inducted into the International Boxing
15 Hall of Fame in Canastota, New York, on June 11, 2017; this magnificent athlete earned his
16 well-deserved reputation for excellence by fighting with courage and precision over decades
17 of training and competition, and it is abundantly fitting and proper to call him a legend.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 recognize Evander Holyfield on being inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame
20 and extend their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Evander Holyfield.