

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NJ

No. **MC16-0628-40**

Date of Adoption **JUNE 28, 2016**

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY ON THE BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH BY

Legislative Research Officer

PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER **INMAN** SECONDED BY **JONES**

WHEREAS, Valentin Contreras was born in Dominican Republic and moved to Newark, NJ in 1976. He played baseball in DR and continued to play while attending Barringer High School, Newark, NJ. A high school friend introduce him to a boxing trainer at a local gym and at that moment Valentin realized the beginning of a good friendship; and this great man (referring to his trainer) was there for him in his first amateur bout and also for the first professional fight; and

WHEREAS, early into Valentin's boxing career, he developed an irregular heartbeat and had to stop boxing. The trainer realized the passion within Valentin and advised him to get a job in law enforcement and to start training fighters. In 1985, he began his law enforcement career at Essex County Youth House as a Juvenile Home Detention Officer; and

WHEREAS, he also started community relations' work by training young boxers at North Newark Boxing Club. In 1986, Valentin's manager Dave Taub nominated him to the NJ Boxing Hall of Fame where he is still a member in good standing. It was there that Valentin met Henry hascup, the President of the NJ Boxing Hall of Fame. His team won the training facility was closed down and the team dissolved; and

WHEREAS, Valentin moved to Irvington where he continues his community work by visiting different gyms in the State of NJ, he hopes to find a new home for his newly formed International Boxing Team, which he stated at his own expense. In 1994, Valentin joined the Irvington Police Department where he was initially assigned to Community Relations Unit, commanded by Dept. Mike Damiano. Upon his retirement in 2010 he remarked that throughout the last 16 years of his life and through the department he has learned a lot. During a visit to his homeland, DR, Valentin was made the International Boxing Commissioner for Dominican fighters outside DR, a title that he still holds today; and

WHEREAS, Valentin Contreras in the only person from the Dominican Republic to have been elected to the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the Municipal Council hereby commends Valentin Contreras for his being named as the first and currently only person from the Dominican Republic to have been elected to the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame; and

BE IT FURTHER BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Municipal Council as a lasting tribute to his many contributions to Valentin Contreras.

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE

X = Indicates Vote N.V. = No Vote A.B. = Absent

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	N.V.	A.B.
BURGESS, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT	X				JONES, 2ND VICEPRESIDENT	X			
COX	X				LYONS	X			
HUDLEY	X				FREDERIC, PRESIDENT	X			
INMAN	X								

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL *[Signature]* MUNICIPAL CLERK *[Signature]* DATE **JUNE 28, 2016**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Municipal Council. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Corporate Seal of the Township of Irvington.

MUNICIPAL CLERK *[Signature]* DATE **JUN 28 2016**

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