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Senate Resolution No. 1111

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Alicia Ashley upon the occasion of being inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame on June 10-11, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding athletes who distinguished themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; Alicia Ashley is one such athlete and her life of athletic achievements inspired others and contributed to the respect and admiration of the sport of boxing; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Alicia Ashley upon the occasion of being inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame at Hall of Fame Weekend on June 10-11, 2023 in Canastota, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born on August 23, 1967 in Jamaica, Alicia Ashley moved to the United States at a young age and is a women's boxing participant who is the former WBC female World Super Bantamweight champion; and

WHEREAS, Alicia Ashley began her professional boxing career on January 29, 1999, defeating Lisa Howarth by a six-round split decision, at Atlantic City, New Jersey; rebounding from a loss to Doris Hackl, she won after an eight-round decision against Bonnie Canino at Tunica,

Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, On June 29, 2000, Alicia Ashley beat "Downtown Leona Brown" on points over eight rounds at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; on September 3, she beat Kelsey Jeffries in a redemption match by a six-round unanimous decision in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Having held many prestigious titles, Alicia Ashley captured the IWBFF World Featherweight title after defeating Kelsey Jeffries in a rematch by a ten-round split decision, the WIBF World Super Bantamweight title against Marcela Acuna in 2003, and the WBC female Super Bantamweight title by a unanimous decision in 2011; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout, have been her older sisters, chess grandmaster Maurice Ashley and former world kickboxing champion Devin Ashley, both of whom have felt privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Alicia Ashley clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of the International Boxing Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such outstanding athletic accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Alicia Ashley upon the occasion of being inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame on June 10-11, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Alicia Ashley.