

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 140

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that “Sugar” Ray Robinson should be recognized for his athletic achievements and commitment to young people.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 1997

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

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that “Sugar” Ray Robinson should be recognized for his athletic achievements and commitment to young people.

Whereas “Sugar” Ray Robinson was born in Detroit, Michigan, on May 3, 1920;

Whereas in 1932 he moved to New York City where he started boxing as an amateur, going undefeated in 89 bouts, and winning the Golden Gloves featherweight title in 1939;

Whereas in 1940 he turned professional and fought at New York City’s Madison Square Garden for the first time;

Whereas in 1946 he won his first world title as a welterweight, and then held the middleweight title for 5 years between 1951 and 1960;

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Whereas after retiring for a time he returned to box a series of exciting matches before permanently retiring on December 10, 1965;

Whereas in a career spanning 25 years, he won 175 of 202 bouts with 109 knockouts;

Whereas his grace, speed, power, and mastery of the ring earned him international acclaim as one of the greatest fighters in boxing history;

Whereas Sugar Ray Robinson was elected into the Boxing Hall of Fame in 1967;

Whereas in 1969 he established the Sugar Ray Robinson Youth Foundation; and

Whereas Sugar Ray Robinson died in Culver City, California, on April 12, 1989, at the age of 68: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that Sugar Ray Robinson should be recog-
3 nized as one of history's greatest professional fighters,
4 whose dedication to boxing and commitment to young peo-
5 ple have earned him a permanent place in sports history.

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