

RESOLUTION NO. 010763

Honoring Jerry Morales for his outstanding work and dedication to the youth of Kansas City.

WHEREAS, Jerry Morales has dedicated his career to sports and has spent the last 53 years either boxing, refereeing boxing, or teaching boxing to the youth of Kansas City; and

WHEREAS, Jerry began his sports career in his pre-teens at the Pan American Youth Club and Whatsoever Boxing Club in 1948 as a flyweight; and

WHEREAS, Jerry's first Golden Gloves Tournament was in 1950 and again in 1952, 1953, 1954 and 1956 where he achieved championship status in the Kansas City Tournament and advanced to the National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions; and

WHEREAS, Jerry turned professional in 1957 where he excelled in eight professional fights, and during that period of time, also found time to coach youngsters at the Whatsoever Boxing Gym and referee local boxing matches; and

WHEREAS, Jerry has officiated countless prominent professional fights such as Muhammad Ali, James (the heat) Kitchen and Bone Crusher Smith and been viewed on many national telecasts such as ESPN, Showtime, HBO, CBS and NBC; and

WHEREAS, Jerry's greatest personal accomplishments have been his wife, Virginia, of 48 years and their 11 children, 22 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby honor Jerry Morales for his outstanding work, dedication and contributions to the youth of Kansas City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Jerry Morales in token of the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for his tireless commitment to generations of young men and women that have gained positive civic lessons by his presence, teaching confidence and integrity.
