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LEGENDS ANNOUNCED FOR FIGHT NIGHT 2009

Hometown Superstar Sugar Ray Leonard Returns for 20th Anniversary Fight Night

Washington, DC [October 9, 2009] -- Legendary boxers **Gerry Cooney, Buster Douglas, Joe Frazier, Roy Jones Jr., Jake LaMotta, Sugar Ray Leonard, Ray “Boom Boom” Mancini, Ken Norton, Aaron Pryor, Earnie Shavers and Ernie Terrell** are the champions expected for **Fight For Children’s 20th Annual Fight Night, Thursday November 5, 2009** at the **Hilton Washington (1919 Connecticut Avenue NW)**. The event, celebrating 20 years, is the signature fundraiser for [Fight For Children](#), an independent non-profit organization committed to improving education in DC schools.

Fight Night is one of the most eagerly anticipated events in the nation’s capital. Joseph E. Robert, Jr., Chairman and CEO of J.E. Robert Companies, and Chairman of Fight For Children, created the event in 1990 to help local children. His philosophy was simple, “kids can’t fight for their own cause so we are going to fight on their behalf.” Fight Night brings together 2,000 heavyweights of business and government, entertainment and community service, as well as legends from the boxing and sports world, for an evening of fun, auctions, and live professional boxing. In 2008, Fight Night raised over \$2.8 million for Fight For Children and other organizations that provide education and healthcare services to low-income children in Washington, DC.

Joseph (Joe) Robert, III is the Chairman for Fight Night, ushering in a new era of giving at Fight Night. Since 2002, he has served as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps and recently served a tour of duty in Iraq. As a Reconnaissance Marine (the Special Operations Capable Forces of the United States Marine Corps), Mr. Robert has advanced training in leadership, communication, and combat life saving skills.

Mr. Robert has received numerous awards from the military, including a Certification of Commendation, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, and a Global War on Terror Service Medal. He serves as a board member of the Youth Leadership Foundation, a DC-based not-for-profit organization that serves disadvantaged young people by boosting academic performance, while developing their moral character. He is currently a student at American University in Washington, DC.

For more details about Fight Night visit www.fightnightdc.org. For more information on Fight For Children or any of its programs, visit www.fightforchildren.org.

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FIGHT NIGHT PARADE OF LEGENDS

GERRY COONEY

28-3 (24 KO's)

- New York State Golden Gloves Champion
- Fought Larry Holmes in landmark 1982 \$10 million bout

JAMES "BUSTER" DOUGLAS

38-6-1 (25 KO's)

- Challenged Tony Tucker for the International Boxing Federation Heavyweight Title, 1987
- Scored landmark upset by knocking out and handing Mike Tyson his first defeat by capturing the International Boxing Federation Heavyweight Title, 1990

"SMOKIN" JOE FRAZIER

32-4-1 (27 KO's)

- Olympic Gold Medal Heavyweight Champion, 1964
- New York State World Heavyweight Champion, 1965-1969
- World Heavy Weight Champion, 1970-1973
- International Boxing Hall of Fame member

ROY JONES JR.

54-5 (40 KO's)

- Olympic Silver Medalist, 1988
- Active fighter, with December battle for IBO Cruiserweight Title upcoming; successfully & definitively defended his NABO Light Heavyweight title against Jeff Lacy in August
- Eight-time World Champion – titles includes IBF Light Heavyweight Champion, WBC Light Heavyweight Champion, WBA Light Heavyweight Champion, IBO Light Heavyweight Champion and IBF Super Middleweight
- 1990s "Fighter of the Decade" – Boxing Writers Association of America

- JAKE “THE BRONX BULL” LaMOTTA** 83-19-4 (30 KO’s)
- World Middleweight Champion, 1941-1951
 - Robert DeNiro portrayed him in the Academy Award-winning film, “Raging Bull”, 1991.
 - International Boxing Hall of Fame member
 - First inductee into Fight Night Hall of Fame, 2007
- SUGAR RAY LEONARD** 36-3-1 (25 KO’s)
- Olympic Gold Medalist, 1976 (won 145 of 150 amateur bouts)
 - WBC Welterweight Champion, 11/1979-6/1980; 11/1980-11/1982
 - WBA Junior Middleweight Champion, 06/1981-1981 (vacates)
 - WBA Welterweight Champion (d Hearns), 9/1981-11/1982 (retires)
 - Undisputed Welterweight Champion, September 1981-November 1982
 - WBC Middleweight Champion (d Hagler), Spring 1987 (retires)
 - WBC Light Heavyweight, 11/1988-2/1989 (retires)
 - WBC Super Middleweight, 11/1988-12/1990 (retires)
 - First boxer to win world titles in five different weight classes
 - International Boxing Hall of Fame member
- RAY “BOOM BOOM” MANCINI** 29-5-0 (3 KO’s)
- World Boxing Association Lightweight Champion, 1982-1984
 - Inducted into World Boxing Hall of Fame, 2005
- KEN NORTON** 42-7-1 (33 KO’s)
- World Boxing Council Heavyweight Champion, 1978
 - International Boxing Hall of Fame and World Boxing Hall of Fame member
- AARON “HAWK” PRYOR** 39-1-0 (35 KO’s)
- International Boxing Federation Champion, 1983-1985
 - World Boxing Association Champion, 1980-1983
 - International Boxing Hall of Fame member
- EARNIE SHAVERS** 74-14-1 (67 KO’s)
- National AAU Heavyweight Champion, 1969
 - Often rated as one of the hardest punchers in heavyweight history
 - Scored almost 30 KO’s in a row; scored 20 first round victories
- ERNIE TERRELL** 46-9 (21 KO’S)
- World Boxing Association Heavyweight Champion, 1965-1967
 - Turned professional in 1957, while still in high school, but graduated in top 10
 - Increased skills by working as sparring partner for Sonny Liston