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It is an honour and a privilege to be asked to contribute the Foreword for The Greatest Fights Opus in my position as the WBC's Heavyweight champion of the world.

To be honest I believe all three fights in my recently-concluded trilogy with Deontay Wilder deserve to be in this Opus and amongst the greatest of fights, which is why I am pleased to see that they are. The most recent fight - the third - is, in my opinion, one of the greatest fights of all time so it is perhaps fitting that I am here today writing this.

I said after that final fight that I did not want to be compared to those who came before me. I believe I am now, without any doubt, the best in my generation but, like you, I grew up watching other boxing greats ply their trade and would never want to disrespect them by making comparisons.

Of course you have the lighter weights and the likes of Sugar Ray Leonard and the four kings of the middleweight and super-middleweight divisions rightly featuring in this Opus, as well as Floyd Mayweather, Oscar De La Hoya, Manny Pacquiao and many others.

My real heroes were, though, my fellow heavyweights from another era. To relive some of the greatest heavyweight bouts of all time - Ali, Frazier, Foreman, Norton, Holmes, Tyson, Lewis - as we do in the Opus is a reminder to all of us of how much we owe them, and what warriors they all were.

We will never really know who was the greatest of them all and neither should we ask. They were all greats and I am happy to now be amongst them.

