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Introduced by Sen. Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr.

**RESOLUTION
COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING NONITO DONAIRE, JR. FOR
DEFENDING THE INTERNATIONAL BOXING
ORGANIZATION (IBO)/INTERNATIONAL BOXING FEDERATION (IBF)
FLYWEIGHT CROWN AND BRIAN VILORIA FOR WINNING THE
INTERNATIONAL BOXING FEDERATION (IBF) LIGHT FLYWEIGHT CROWN,
AT THE ARANETA COLISEUM IN QUEZON CITY, LAST APRIL 19, 2009**

Whereas, the 27-year old Donaire Jr., knocked down Mexican-American challenger Raul Martinez four times to keep his IBO/IBF titles by technical knockout;

Whereas, the 5-foot-6 Donaire, floored Martinez twice in the opening round, once in the second round and for the last time at the 2:42 mark of the fourth round to remain the champion;

Whereas, he improved his win-loss record to 21-1-0 (14 by way of knockout) while handling the erstwhile undefeated Martinez his first loss after 24 fights;

Whereas, the Filipino-Hawaiian boxer Brian Villoria, also known as "The Hawaiian Punch" defeated Mexican Ulises Solis in the 11th round to steal the IBF light flyweight crown;

Whereas, Viloría won the crown being defended by Solis for the eight time, and proved that he is still the same fighter that won the WBC 108-lb crown in 2005;

Whereas, Villoria's win boosted his mark to 25-2-2 (win-loss-no contest) with 15 knockouts, while Solis dropped to 28-2-2;

Whereas, Filipino boxers like Donaire and Viloría proved to the whole world that the Filipinos are still the best in the boxing arena;

Whereas, these boxers fought and displayed high quality sportsmanship and fairplay in victory and undoubtedly gave their best to win not only trophies but honor and glory for our country, making them sports heroes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to commend and congratulate Nonito Donaire, Jr. for defending the International Boxing Organization (IBO)/International Boxing Federation (IBF) Flyweight crown and Brian Viloría for winning the International Boxing Federation (IBF) Light Flyweight crown, at the Araneta Coliseum in Quezon City, last April 19, 2009.

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.