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SENATE P.S. Res. No. <u>1041</u>

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Introduced by Senator Richard J. Gordon

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING MANNY "PACMAN" PACQUIAO, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING FEAT IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL BOXING, CEMENTING HIS PLACE IN HISTORY AS THE GREATEST FILIPINO FIGHTER OF ALL TIME

WHEREAS, on 3 May 2008, Emmanuel D. Pacquiao, known simply as Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao once again emerged victorious in a battle of strength and wit with a dominating knockout victory against the International Boxing Organization and Ring Magazine Junior Welterweight title holder Ricky "Hitman" Hatton, in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA;

WHEREAS, intent on carving his name in boxing history, Pacquiao finished off the British boxing superstar in the second round of their 12-round bout dubbed as the "Battle of East and West," making him a six-time world champion in five weight divisions and preserving his title as the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world;

WHEREAS, at the age of 30, Pacquiao is already a 14-year professional in the field of boxing and has fought against the most exciting athletes in the ring;

WHEREAS, Pacquiao began his boxing career as an amateur, fighting in various venues around Metro Manila before hitting it big in 1998 when he won his first world title with an eighth-round knockout win over Thai boxer Chatchai Sasakul for the World Boxing Council (WBC) flyweight crown;

WHEREAS, he has lost only twice, surrendering the flyweight crown to Medggoen Singsurat in 1999 and sustaining a unanimous decision loss to Erik Morales in 2005;

WHEREAS, in a span of three years, from 2005 to 2008, he has won nine consecutive fights – including sweeping his three bouts in 2008 in three different weight divisions;

WHEREAS, Pacquiao has brought yet another proud achievement for the whole nation as he carries the hopes of 90 million Filipinos every time he climbs the ring;

WHEREAS, Pacquiao's admirable work ethic, courage, determination and discipline to excel in his profession, is something that Filipinos must emulate in order to gloriously overcome the challenges that may come in their respective pursuits;

WHEREAS, Pacquiao's courage and unrelenting spirit exemplify Filipino excellence and serve as a unifying force among Filipinos in their conquest for national greatness, pride, and honor, making his heroic and historic achievement worthy of emulation and truly deserving of national praise and recognition; *Now, therefore, be it*:

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Senate of the Philippines, to honor Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao for his outstanding feat in the field of international boxing, cementing his place in history as the greatest Filipino fighter of all time?

Adopted,

RICHARD J. GORDON