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Introduced by Senator JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND HONORING MANNY "PACMAN" PACQUIAO FOR HIS STUNNING VICTORY OVER RICKY "HITMAN" HATTON IN A TITLE-BOU DUBBED AS "THE BATTLE OF EAST AND WEST" IN MGM GRAND GARDEN ARENA IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, USA ON 2 MAY 2009, THUS, MAKING HIM AMONG THE WORLD'S BOXING LEGENDS AND FOR BRINGING GREAT INSPIRATION, UNITY, PRIDE AND HONOR TO OUR COUNTRY

WHEREAS, Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao has won a swift and stunning second-round Technical Knockout victory over boxing-great Ricky "Hitman" Hatton, the reigning International Boxing Organization's junior welterweight division title holder prior to the bout dubbed as the "The Battle of East and West" in MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA on May 2, 2009;

WHEREAS, Pacquiao's latest feat over Hatton, a boxing-great in his own rights, made him a boxing legend for being the only boxer in history who fought in four weight classes in four successive fights and winning them all;

WHEREAS, prior to this match, Pacquiao was considered the world's pound-for-pound King in boxing and was catapulted as the first Filipino and Asian to capture four world titles in four different weight divisions and became the ninth boxer in recorded history of boxing to hold such record, joining the league of boxing legends that includes Tommy Hearns, Sugar Ray Leonard, Roberto Duran, Oscar De La Hoya, Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Roy Jones Jr.;

WHEREAS, many sports columnists and analysts have said, after his fight with Hatton, that Pacquiao is the greatest boxer of our time and has joined the roster of greatest boxing legends such as Sugar Ray Leonard, Roy Jones Jr., Pernell Whitaker, Julio Cesar Chavez and Evander Holyfield;

WHEREAS, Pacquiao possesses a good Filipino trait of faith in God and spirituality which he manifests by praying before and after his fight and such trait reflects that he is truly a role model for the Filipino youth;

WHEREAS, Pacquiao exhibits great sense of nationalism and patriotism by dedicating his fights and victories to the Filipino people and by being proud of his heritage;

WHEREAS, Pacquiao continues to inspire our countrymen, brings pride and honor to our country, and unites the Filipinos everywhere in the world during his fights;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and honor Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao for his stunning victory over Ricky "Hitman" Hatton in a title-bout dubbed as *"The Battle of East and West"* in MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, USA on 2 May 2009, thus making him among the world's boxing legends and for bringing great inspiration, unity, pride and honor to our country.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be given to Manny Pacquiao and his family.

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI