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Introduced by Senator Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr.

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING NONITO DONAIRE, JR. AND MARK JASON MELLIGEN FOR WINNING THE WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION (WBA) INTERIM TITLES AT THE HARD ROCK HOTEL AND CASINO IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, LAST AUGUST 15, 2009

*Whereas*, Nonito “The Filipino Flash” Donaire showed his class in winning the WBA interim title with a twelve round unanimous decision over a hugely overweight and strong Rafael “El Torito” Concepcion of Panama;

*Whereas*, the 26-year old Donaire became the fifth Filipino to become a two-division world champion and also his third title in his second weight division;

*Whereas*, Judge Max De Luca scored at 117-111, Duane Ford saw it at 115-113 while Jerry Roth gave a 116-112 edge all for Donaire, who offered the victory to the late former President Corazon Aquino and to all his Filipino fans;

*Whereas*, Melligen showed his power and ring smarts with an impressive fourth round TKO over hard-hitting Ernesto Zepeda of Mexico who entered the ring with a fearsome knockout record of 32 KO’s in 39 wins;

*Whereas*, the pride of Bacolod, Melligen hurt the taller Zepeda with a left straight in the final seconds of round one and then caught the Mexican with a right hook and a looping left as Zepeda moved in;

*Whereas*, the country once again is beaming with pride as these boxers fought and displayed high quality sportsmanship 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 of the Philippines to commend and congratulate Nonito Donaire, Jr. and Mark Jason Melligen for winning the World Boxing Association (WBA) Interim titles at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, last August 15, 2009.

Adopted,

  
RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.