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**RESOLUTION**

**COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MANNY "PACMAN" PACQUIAO FOR WINNING THE WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION (WBO) WELTERWEIGHT CROWN AND THE PRESTIGIOUS WBC DIAMOND BELT, RICHIE MEPRANUM FOR WINNING THE JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE AND EDEN SONSONA, AT THE MGM GRAND GARDEN ARENA IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, USA, LAST 14 NOVEMBER 2009**

*Whereas*, Manny Pacquiao, defeated world welterweight champion Miguel Cotto of Puerto Rico via a technical knockout with 55 seconds left in the 12<sup>th</sup> round, becoming the first boxer to win seven world titles in different weight categories;

*Whereas*, he has now notched his 50<sup>th</sup> win (38 of them by knockout), leaving no doubt that he is the world's best pound-for-pound fighter;

*Whereas*, Pacquiao added Cotto's title to the six he had already captured, namely: flyweight, super bantamweight, featherweight, super featherweight, lightweight, and light welterweight;

*Whereas*, he also filed Cotto's name in the list of elite fighters he has destroyed like Marco Antonio Barrera, Erik Morales, Juan Manuel Marquez, Ricky Hatton and Oscar De La Hoya;

*Whereas*, the Pacquiao-Cotto fight was approved by the WBC Board of Governors as the first ever for the WBC Diamond Belt;

*Whereas*, the Diamond Belt was created as an honorary championship exclusive for fights between elite boxers which includes Pacquiao and Cotto;

*Whereas*, the belt is handcrafted by an artisan in Mexico City with 18 carat gold fusion and has about 800 diamonds, emeralds, rubies and Swarovsky semiprecious stones;

*Whereas*, Richie Mepranum won by split decision and won the Junior Lightweight title over Ernie Marquez of Colorado, hence advanced his record to 15 wins, 2 losses, 1 draw and 3 knockouts;

*Whereas*, Eden Sonsona defeated Eilon Kedem of New York by stoppage after 17 seconds in the second round which eventually improved his record to 14 wins, 3 losses and 4 knockouts; and

*Whereas*, Pacquiao, Sonsona and Mepranum brought honor and glory for our country.

Now, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to commend and congratulate Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao for winning the World Boxing Organization Welterweight crown and the prestigious WBC Diamond Belt, Richie Mepranum for winning the Junior Lightweight title and Eden Sonsona, at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA last 14 November 2009.

Adopted,

  
RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.