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SENATE

P. S. Res. No. 1464

Introduced by Senator JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND HONORING MANNY "PACMAN" PACQUIAO FOR HIS HISTORY-MAKING VICTORY OVER PUERTO RICAN MIGUEL COTTO IN A TITLE-BOUT DUBBED AS "FIREPOWER" AT THE MGM GRAND GARDEN ARENA IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, USA ON 14 NOVEMBER 2009, THUS, MAKING HIM THE FIRST MAN IN THE HISTORY OF PROFESSIONAL BOXING TO BECOME A WORLD TITLE-HOLDER IN SEVEN (7) DIFFERENT WEIGHT DIVISIONS, AND ONE OF THE GREATEST BOXERS OF ALL TIME

WHEREAS, Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao has won a spectacular twelfth-round Technical Knockout victory over Puerto Rican Miguel Cotto, the reigning World Boxing Organization's welterweight division title holder prior to the bout dubbed as "FIREPOWER" at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA on November 14, 2009;

WHEREAS, Pacquiao's latest feat over a battered Cotto, one of his finest performances in a brilliant career, made him the first and only boxer in the world in the history of professional boxing to become a title-holder in seven (7) different weight divisions;

WHEREAS, Pacquiao, dubbed as the "Pambansang Kamao" or "National Fist" and "The People's Champ", is undoubtedly one of the greatest boxers of all time;

WHEREAS, Pacquiao, prior to his fight with Cotto, has fought in five weight classes in five successive fights, winning them all and dismantling his opponents while moving up to different weight classes;

WHEREAS, prior to this match, Pacquiao is the undisputed world's pound-for-pound King in boxing and was catapulted as the first Filipino and Asian to capture six world titles in six different weight divisions and among the only five boxers in recorded history of boxing to hold such record, joining the league of boxing legends that includes Thomas Hearns, Oscar De La Hoya, Hector Camacho and James Toney;

WHEREAS, many local and international sports columnists and analysts have said, after his fight with Cotto, that Pacquiao is one of the greatest boxers of all time, in the class of Muhammad Ali;

WHEREAS, whenever Pacquiao has a fight, the whole country grinds to a halt and the Filipino nation is glued to watching his fight, and the crime rate is at its lowest level;

WHEREAS, Pacquiao possesses a good Filipino trait of deep 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 and the Filipino youth, unites the Filipinos everywhere in the world during his fights, and remains humble and respectful despite his victories and fame;

WHEREAS, Pacquiao has gained the admiration and respect of many boxing fans all over the world and even world leaders; for his discipline, sportsmanship and humility in defeat or victory, thus he continues to bring great pride and honor to our country, truly a Philippine treasure:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and honor Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao for his history-making victory over Puerto Rican Miguel Cotto in a title-bout dubbed as "*FIREPOWER*" at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, USA on 14 November 2009, thus, making him the first man in the history of professional boxing to become a world title-holder in seven (7) different weight divisions, and one of the greatest boxers of all time.

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

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI