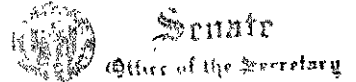



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RESOLUTION

**RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING CONGRESSMAN EMMANUEL
"MANNY" DAPIDRAN PACQUIAO FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION
TO PHILIPPINE SPORTS AS THE SOLE EIGHT-TIME WORLD CHAMPION IN
BOXING, AND CALLING FOR HIS CONSIDERATION FOR THE QUEZON
SERVICE CROSS AWARD**

WHEREAS, the Pambansang Kamao, Cong. Emmanuel "Manny" Dapidran Pacquiao, is the first and only eight-division world boxing champion. He has won ten (10) world titles and was the first boxer to win lineal championships in four different categories;

WHEREAS, in achieving this rare feat, Pacquiao defeated several of boxing's biggest names such as: Marco Antonio Barrera (2003); Juan Manuel Marquez (2008); Ricky Hatton (2009) Miguel Angel Cotto (2009) and Antonio Margarito (2010);

WHEREAS, winning other key fights against then undefeated Australian Hussein via 10th round TKO in 2000; Ledwada via a 6th round TKO in 2001; legendary Mexican Barrera via 11th round TKO in 2003; and, De La Hoya in the "Dream Match" 8th round TKO last 2008, Pacquiao was named Fighter of the Decade by the Boxing Writers Association of America (BWAA) and World Boxing Organization (WBO). Additionally, *Ring* Magazine and BWAA named Pacquiao as the Fighter of the Year in 2006, 2008 and 2009;

WHEREAS, in his recent fight against Floyd Mayweather Jr., Pacquiao once again united the Filipino people as well as increased Filipino pride and nationalism. Showing the heart of a true champion, Pacquiao performed admirably through twelve rounds in spite nursing a shoulder injury midway through the Fight of the Century;

WHEREAS, born on December 17, 1978 from humble beginnings, Pacquiao rose from such challenging personal circumstances to the highest echelons of international boxing through hard work and unceasing drive to thrive. His well-chronicled adversity-laden road to international boxing glory is highly-commendable and worthy of emulation;

WHEREAS, Pacquiao, through his continued efforts to honor and positively represent our country in each of his fight, has achieved the stature of a transcendent Filipino boxer;

WHEREAS, Pacquiao has been previously awarded with the following presidential awards: Philippine Legion of Honor (officer) in 2008 as Master

Sergeant reservist for the Philippine Army; Order of Lakandula (Champion for Life) in 2006 through E.O. No. 540, s. 2006; Presidential Medal of Merit in 2003;

WHEREAS, the Quezon Service Cross is the highest honor of the Philippines proposed by President Roxas in honor of President Quezon through Joint Resolution No. 4, s. 1946 superseded by Executive Order 236, s. 2003. It is awarded to an individual who has performed an "exemplary service" to the nation in such a manner and such a degree as to add great prestige to the Republic of the Philippines, or as to contribute to the lasting benefit of its people;

WHEREAS, for his exemplary service as a world-renowned Filipino boxer which has truly added great prestige to the country, it is, indeed, appropriate and timely that Pacquiao be considered for such a prestigious presidential award which, notably, required the joint concurrence of both the Senate and House of Representatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines, commend Cong. Emmanuel "Manny" Dapidran Pacquiao for his invaluable contribution to Philippine sports as the sole eight-time world champion and call for his consideration for the highest presidential award of Quezon Service Cross Award.

Adopted.


SENATOR SONNY ANGARA