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Senate Resolution No. 85

Introduced by Senator Ana Theresia "Risa" Hontiveros-Baraquel

RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING HIDILYN DIAZ FOR BEING THE FIRST FILIPINO WOMAN TO WIN A MEDAL IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2016, Hidilyn Diaz became the first Filipino to achieve a podium finish in the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Summer Olympics by winning a silver medal in the women's 53-kilogram weightlifting event with a combined score of 200 kilograms in the snatch and clean and jerk;

WHEREAS, she thus joins the pantheon of Philippine Olympic greats, a roster that includes medalists Teófilo Yldefonso (men's 200 meter breast stroke), Simeon Toribio (men's high jump), José Villanueva (men's bantamweight boxing), Miguel White (men's 400 meter hurdles), Anthony N. Villanueva (men's featherweight boxing), Leopoldo Serantes (men's light flyweight boxing), Roel Velasco (men's light flyweight boxing), and Mansueto Velasco (men's flyweight boxing);

WHEREAS, Diaz also became the country's first medalist since Mansueto "Onyok" Velasco won a silver in boxing during the 1996 games in Atlanta, Georgia, the first athlete to represent the Philippines in three consecutive Olympic games, having previously competed in the 2008 Games in Beijing and the 2012 Games in London, and, perhaps most notably, the first Filipino woman to win an Olympic medal; and

WHEREAS, considering the historic nature of her achievements, Hidilyn Diaz thus stands as an inspiration and role-model for Filipino women as they strive to achieve their dreams and take their place among the best in the world.

NOW THEREFORE,

RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to commend and congratulate Hidilyn Diaz for being the first Filipino woman to win a medal in the Olympic Games.

Adopted.

Ana Theresia Baraquel
ANA THERESIA "RISA" HONTIVEROS-BARAQUEL