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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING INTERNATIONAL FILIPINO ICON AND BOXING LEGEND SENATOR MANNY "PACMAN" PACQUIAO FOR DEFEATING THE REIGNING WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION (WBA) "SUPER" WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION KEITH THURMAN TO CLAIM THE WBA "SUPER" WELTERWEIGHT TITLE IN THEIR BOXING MATCH, HELD ON JULY 21, 2019, AT THE MGM GRAND GARDEN ARENA IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)

WHEREAS, Senator Emmanuel Dapidran Pacquiao, also known as "Manny" or "Pacman" Pacquiao, has continually brought immense pride and joy to all Filipinos the world over, through his accomplishments in his professional boxing career, which include conquests over internationally recognized boxing legends such as Marco Antonio Barrera, Eric Morales, Juan Manuel Marquez, Oscar De La Hoya, Ricky Hatton, Miguel Cotto, and Shane Mosley;

WHEREAS, over the course of his long and decorated career, Senator Manny Pacquiao has managed to accomplish what no other boxer in history has accomplished, capturing twelve (12) world-titles in eight (8) separate weight divisions, marking an unprecedented ascent up the scales, from his win over Flyweight lineal champion Chachai Sasakul of Thailand at 112 pounds, to his victory over Antonio Margarito of Mexico to capture the Super-welterweight title at 154 pounds, up until his recent victories at the stage of his career where most fighters have retired or greatly regressed in their skill;

WHEREAS, Senator Manny Pacquiao has, time and again, fought for the
pride and welfare of Filipinos in and out of the boxing ring, all the while displaying
true grit and bravery, repeatedly taking on the toughest challenges, showing the
heart, determination, and courage, which are the hallmarks of the Filipino fighting
spirit;

WHEREAS, outside the arena of boxing, Senator Manny Pacquiao has excellently fulfilled his Constitutional duties as a Senator of the Republic, faithfully performing his functions as an outstanding public servant;

WHEREAS, after a long, illustrious, and legendary career, Senator Manny Pacquiao, once again entered the ring for the seventy-first (71st) time last July 21, 2019 for another much-awaited match, taking on the challenge of an undefeated Keith Thurman of the USA, who has captured 22 of his 29 victories by way of knockout, and is a decade younger than the Senator;

WHEREAS, in another outstanding display of skill, experience, and wisdom molded throughout a career built on hard work and dedication, Filipino boxing legend Senator Manny Pacquiao prevailed over Keith Thurman by way of a split decision, bringing great pride, joy, glory, and recognition to millions of Filipinos worldwide, proving that determination and discipline defies age, and once again serving as a beacon of hope and inspiration to all Filipinos in their daily struggle against all types of adversity; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to congratulate and commend Filipino icon and boxing legend Senator Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao, for successfully capturing the WBA "Super" welterweight title against American boxer Keith Thurman on January 21, 2019, at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.

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