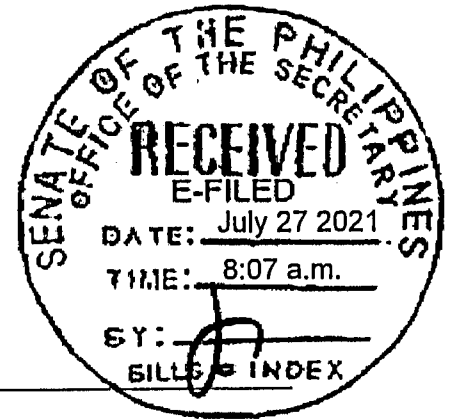


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Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

#### RESOLUTION

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING HIDILYN F. DIAZ FOR HONORING THE COUNTRY WITH ITS FIRST OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL BY DOMINATING THE WOMEN'S 55KG WEIGHTLIFTING COMPETITION IN THE 2021 SUMMER OLYMPICS AT THE TOKYO INTERNATIONAL FORUM IN TOKYO, JAPAN, ON 26 JULY 2021**

**WHEREAS**, Filipino Olympian and Airwoman Hidilyn F. Diaz has made history by winning the country's first ever Olympic gold medal in the 2021 Summer Olympics at the Tokyo International Forum in Tokyo, Japan, on 26 July 2021;

**WHEREAS**, 30-year-old Hidilyn F. Diaz was born on 20 February 1991 in Zamboanga City, and is the fifth of six children of Eduardo and Emelita Diaz;

**WHEREAS**, Hidilyn F. Diaz started her weightlifting journey at the young age of 11, learning the basics of weightlifting from her cousin, Allen Jayfrus Diaz, with the use of homemade barbells;

**WHEREAS**, Hidilyn F. Diaz is the first Filipina athlete to participate in four straight Olympic Games, beginning with her Olympic debut in the 2008 Beijing Games at the very young age of 14, where she earned a wild card entry and was the youngest in the delegation;

**WHEREAS**, Hidilyn F. Diaz also holds the record for being the first Filipina to win an Olympic medal after winning a silver medal in the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil;

**WHEREAS**, Hidilyn F. Diaz has been consistently making headlines ---in 2018 when she delivered the country's first gold medal in the Asian Games in Jakarta, Indonesia, again in 2019, when she bagged a gold medal in the South East Asian Games held in Manila, marking her first SEA Games gold medal, and finally in 2020, when she dominated the Roma Weightlifting World Cup with three gold medals, which served as her pass to the 2021 Tokyo Olympics;

**WHEREAS**, on the third day of the 2021 Summer Olympics, Hidilyn F. Diaz made history as the first Filipino athlete to win a gold medal in the Olympics since the Philippines first joined the prestigious international sporting meet in 1924;

**WHEREAS**, Hidilyn F. Diaz secured the country's first Olympic gold medal in the women's 55kg event after lifting an Olympic record total of 224 kg across the Snatch (97 kg) and the Clean & Jerk (127 kg) events, the latter of which she made another Olympic record for;

**WHEREAS**, in what could be her last shot at an Olympic gold medal, Olympian Hidilyn F. Diaz victoriously claimed for the country its first Olympic gold medal despite threats from contenders from Chinese Taipei and the People's Republic of China;

**WHEREAS**, with this victory, Hidilyn F. Diaz shared with the world the resonance of 109 million Filipinos as it is the first time the Philippine national anthem is heard at the winner's podium and she will be remembered in history as the first ever to bring this honor to the country;

**WHEREAS**, Hidilyn F. Diaz's journey will continue to give inspiration to millions of Filipinos, showing that, truly, no feat is impossible and with determination, diligence and perseverance dreams do come true;

**WHEREAS**, with this history-making feat in the 2021 Tokyo Olympics, Hidilyn F. Diaz has brought pride, glory and inspiration to the Filipino people and has once again proven to the world the persistent and indomitable spirit of the Filipino, for which she deserves to be honored and commended;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend Hidilyn F. Diaz for honoring the country with its first Olympic gold medal by dominating the women's 55kg weightlifting competition in the 2021 Summer Olympics at the Tokyo International Forum in Tokyo, Japan on 26 July 2021.

**Adopted,**



**JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI**