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SENATE P.S.RES. No. 797

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Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING THE PHILIPPINES' FIRST EVER OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL IN THE 2020 OLYMPICS HELD IN TOKYO, JAPAN

1 Whereas, Filipino weightlifter Hidilyn Diaz made history on July 26, 2021 for 2 winning the first ever gold medal for the Philippines in the Olympic Games since the 3 country participated in the world's foremost and largest multi-sports event almost 4 one hundred years ago;

5 Whereas, Diaz claimed the elusive gold medal in the women's 55-kg category 6 in weightlifting, after besting formidable athletes in her class and clearing 97 7 kilograms in the snatch event and 127 kilograms in the clean and jerk event, with a 8 total lift of 224 kilograms;

9 Whereas, Diaz, 2019 Southeast Asian Games gold medallist and the first 10 Filipino weightlifter to win gold in the Asian Games, firmly established herself as the 11 best in the sport as she also set new Olympic records with her 127-kg lift in the 12 clean and jerk event and total lift of 224-kg;

13 Whereas, Diaz, delivered her most impressive performance yet in her fourth 14 straight stint in the Olympics, after competing in the 2008 Beijing, 2012 London, and 15 2016 Rio Olympics, where she won a silver medal in the women's weightlifting 53-kg 16 category and ended a twenty-year medal drought for the country;

Whereas, Diaz, 30-year-old native of Zamboanga City, diligently trained for the occasion despite the restrictions and difficulties posed by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, and became the second Filipino athlete to win multiple Olympic medals after swimmer Teofilo Yldefonso who won bronze medals in the men's 200m
breaststroke in 1928 and 1932;

Whereas, her historic triumph and outstanding achievement brings immense joy, honor, pride and hope to the entire Filipino nation and rightfully deserve recognition from the Philippine Senate. Her determination, perseverance and discipline also serve as inspiration to the younger generation that no dream is unattainable;

8 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, 9 to commend and congratulate Hidilyn Diaz for winning the Philippines' first ever 10 Olympic gold medal in the 2020 Olympics held in Tokyo, Japan.

Adopted,

RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.