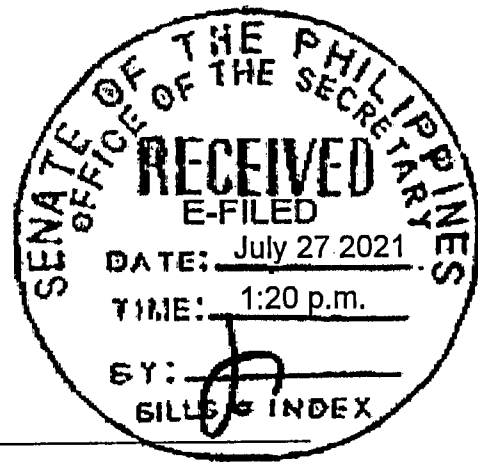


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Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING THE
GOLD MEDAL FOR THE PHILIPPINES IN THE WOMEN'S 55KG
WEIGHTLIFTING COMPETITION AT THE 2020 SUMMER OLYMPICS IN
TOKYO, JAPAN

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 17 of the 1987 Constitution provides that, "*The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development*";

WHEREAS, the first Olympic Games started in April 1896 which took place in Athens, Greece. It is considered as the world's foremost sports competition, with more than 200 nations participating in a variety of competitions;

WHEREAS, Hidilyn Diaz became the first Filipino to win an Olympic Gold Medal for the Philippines, ending the 97-year gold medal drought of the country. Diaz overtook Liao Qiuyun of the People's Republic of China on her last lift in the clean and jerk to win with a total 224 kilograms, an Olympic record;

WHEREAS, prior to winning the Olympic Gold Medal, she had won the Women's 53kg Weightlifting Silver Medal in the 2016 Summer Olympics, the Women's 53kg Bronze Medal in the 2017 World Weightlifting Championship, the Women's 53kg Weightlifting Gold Medal in the 2018 Asian Games, and the Women's 55kg Bronze Medal in the 2019 World Weightlifting Championship;

WHEREAS, the Philippines' first Gold Medal in the Olympics by Diaz gives us national honor and pride which brings us a great moment of inspiration in this time of pandemic. The Philippines won its first bronze medal in 1928 when Teofilo Yldefonso finished third in the men's 200-meter breaststroke. 36 years later, Anthony Villanueva gave the Philippines its first silver with a second-place finish in featherweight boxing;

WHEREAS, Diaz' exceptional performance in the Olympics exhibited the grit and determination of the Filipino spirit in succeeding despite the odds;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, congratulating and commending Hidilyn Diaz for winning the Gold Medal for the Philippines in the Women's 55kg Weightlifting Competition at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan.

Adopted,


IMEE R. MARCOS