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## Introduced by Senator Francis "Tol" N. Tolentino

## RESOLUTION

## CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING NESTHY PETECIO FOR WINNING A SILVER MEDAL FOR THE PHILIPPINES IN BOXING AT THE 2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS

**WHEREAS,** Section 19, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides that "[t]he State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry;"

**WHEREAS**, the Olympics is held only once every four years and is one of the biggest and most prestigious sporting events in the world. Participating in the Olympics and winning a medal is the highest honor a Filipino athlete can bring to our country;

**WHEREAS,** a boxer hailing from Santa Cruz, Davao del Sur, Nesthy Petecio, has fought her way through poverty, and now has fought for our country;

**WHEREAS,** Petecio started joining boxing competitions at a young age to provide food for her family;<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://olympics.com/tokyo-2020/en/news/boxing-philippines-nesthy-petecio-poverty-to-olympic-podium

**WHEREAS,** poverty never deterred Petecio from continuing her boxing. She trained, joined competitions, and soon became part of the national team;

WHEREAS, Petecio won second place at the 2011 SEA Games, third place at the 2012 Asian Championships, second place at the 2013 SEA Games, second place at the 2014 AIBA Women's World Championships, and a champion at the 2015 Indonesia President's Cup;<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS,** Petecio became a World Champion in the featherweight division at the 2019 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships;<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS,** as a result to her hard work, dedication, perseverance and discipline, on 3 August 2021, Nesthy Petecio won a silver medal in boxing's featherweight category during the 2020 Tokyo Olympics;

**WHEREAS**, the last time the Philippines won an Olympic medal in boxing was at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, when Mansueto "Onyok" Velasco Jr. won a silver medal in the men's light flyweight division;

**WHEREAS,** the honor and glory that Nesthy Petecio has brought to the country will serve as an inspiration to the youth and all Filipino athletes and will be a beacon for all future Filipino Olympians.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** as it is hereby resolved, to congratulate and commend Nesthy Petecio for winning a silver medal for the Philippines in boxing at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Adopted,

FRANCIS "TOL" N. TOLENTINO

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://sports.inquirer.net/369648/nesthy-petecio-wins-gold-in-boxing-world-championships