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# Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

#### RESOLUTION

# COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING AIRMAN FIRST CLASS EUMIR FELIX MARCIAL FOR WINNING THE BRONZE MEDAL IN THE MEN'S MIDDLEWEIGHT DIVISION IN BOXING IN THE 2020 OLYMPICS HELD IN TOKYO, JAPAN

1 Whereas, on August 5, 2021, Eumir Felix Marcial, 25-year-old native of 2 Zamboanga City, won the bronze medal in the men's middleweight division (69-75 3 kg) in boxing in the 2020 Olympics held in Kokugikan Arena in Tokyo, Japan;

Whereas, Marcial is the first boxer and the third athlete from the Philippines to qualify for the 2020 Olympics after making the semifinals of the Asia and Oceania Olympic Boxing Qualifiers in Amman, Jordan, where he eventually won the gold medal last March 2020;

8 Whereas, Marcial opened his Olympic campaign with an impressive first round 9 win against Younes Nemouchi of Algeria in the preliminary round of 16;

10 Whereas, on August 1, 2021, Marcial successfully ensured a bronze medal for 11 the country after a knockout victory against Arman Darchinyan of Armenia in the 12 quarter final round;

13 Whereas, Marcial gave a gallant fight against Oleksandr Khyzhniak of Ukraine 14 in the semifinal round to secure a bronze medal for the Philippines;

15 Whereas, Marcial, who is making his Olympic debut this year, is a three-time 16 champion in the Southeast Asian Games, bronze medallist in the 2018 Asian Games, 17 and silver medallist in the 2019 AIBA World Boxing Championships;

18 Whereas, his bronze medal win follows the historic first ever Olympic gold 19 medal triumph of Hidilyn Diaz in weightlifting last July 26, 2021, silver medal win by

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Nesthy Petecio in women's featherweight division in boxing, and another podium finish of Carlo Paalam in the men's flyweight division in boxing, to secure the first multiple medal win for the Philippines since 1932, when Filipino athletes brought home three bronze medals, and achieved the largest medal haul for the country since its initial participation in the Olympic Games in 1924;

6 Whereas, since his father Eulalio trained him at the age of seven until being 7 taken in as a junior member of the national team at the age of fourteen and finally 8 turning professional last 2020, Marcial demonstrated commitment, discipline and 9 dedication to the sport which allowed him to represent the country to the world's 10 biggest sports stage;

11 Whereas, Marcial, who consistently brought pride and honor to the country 12 with his numerous achievements throughout his boxing career in various prestigious 13 competitions, deserves to be recognized by the Philippine Senate;

Whereas, Marcial joins the elite roster of Filipino Olympic medallists in boxing,
namely Jose Villanueva (1932 Los Angeles), Anthony Villanueva (1964 Tokyo),
Leopoldo Serantes (1988 Seoul), Roel Velasco (1992 Barcelona), Mansueto Velasco,
Jr. (1996 Atlanta), Petecio and Paalam (2020 Tokyo);

18 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, 19 to commend and congratulate Airman First Class Eumir Felix Marcial for winning the 20 bronze medal in the Men's Middleweight division in Boxing in the 2020 Olympics held 21 in Tokyo, Japan.

Adopted,

RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

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