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SENATE P.S.RES. No. <u>835</u>

Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING CARLO PAALAM FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE MEN'S FLYWEIGHT DIVISION OF BOXING IN THE 2020 OLYMPICS HELD IN TOKYO, JAPAN

Whereas, the Senate of the Philippines has, on numerous occasions, recognized and honored exemplary Filipinos for their extraordinary accomplishments in international sports competitions which brought honor, hope and pride to the country;

Whereas, Carlo Paalam, 23-year-old native of Cagayan de Oro City, won the silver medal in the Men's Flyweight (48-52 kg) Division in Boxing held in Kokugikan Arena in Tokyo, Japan on August 7, 2021 during the 2020 Olympic Games;

Whereas, Paalam earned impressive victories in the preliminary rounds against Brendan Irvine of Ireland and Mohammed Flissi of Algeria to proceed to the quarter finals. Paalam also prevailed against 2016 Rio Olympics gold medallist and 2019 world champion Shakhobidin Zoirov of Uzbekistan in their August 3, 2021 match to advance to the semifinal round and secured for the country another Olympic medal;

Whereas, Paalam conquered Ryomei Tanaka of Japan in the semi finals via a unanimous victory to advance to the gold medal bout. He then competed against Galal Yafai of Great Britain in the finals and secured the silver medal;

Whereas, Paalam's silver finish assured the Philippines' largest medal haul ever in a single Olympic Games with four medals, following the historic Olympic gold medal win of Hidilyn Diaz in weightlifting, silver medal win of Nesthy Petecio in women's featherweight division in boxing, and bronze medal win of Eumir Marcial in men's middleweight division in boxing;

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

Whereas, Paalam, who is also the 2019 Southeast Asian Games gold medallist and 2018 Asian Games bronze medallist, continues to bring inspiration, joy and pride to the country and our fellowmen, most especially the youth, with his successive achievements in international boxing tournaments;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to commend and congratulate Carlo Paalam for winning the silver medal in the men's flyweight division of boxing in the 2020 Olympics held in Tokyo, Japan.

Adopted,

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RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.