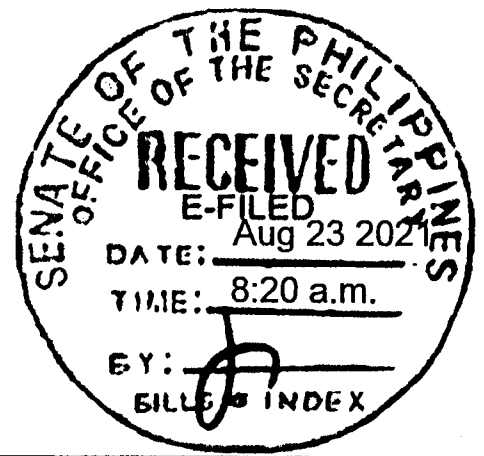


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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING CARLO PAALAM FOR WINNING**  
**THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE MEN'S FLYWEIGHT BOXING DIVISION**  
**IN THE 2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 19, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides that the "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**, on 7 August 2021, Carlo Paalam, a 23-year old native of Talakag, Bukidnon, won the silver medal in the men's boxing flyweight division (48-52 kg.) at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, giving the Philippines its fourth Olympic medal this season, surpassing the country's multiple medal record since 1932;

**WHEREAS**, Paalam qualified for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics by virtue of having the highest standing in the men's light flyweight division category based on the rankings of the International Olympic Committee Boxing Task Force (IOC-BTF);<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the International Boxing Association (AIBA) World Ranking Men Elite also ranked Paalam as the 12<sup>th</sup> highest for the 52-kg. weight category, as of September 2020;<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, prior to the 2020 Olympics, Paalam has been representing the Philippines and winning medals for the country in various international sporting events;

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<sup>1</sup> <https://manilastandard.net/mobile/article/349895>

<sup>2</sup> <https://d21c25674tgiqk.cloudfront.net/2020/07/AIBA-World-Ranking-MEN-FinalCorr1-202009.pdf>

**WHEREAS**, Paalam bagged gold medals in the Southeast Asian Games in 2019, Thailand International Boxing Tournament in 2018, 10<sup>th</sup> AIBA International Boxing Tournament in 2018, and the ASTANA/President's Cup in 2017. He also won bronze medals in the AIBA Youth Asian and World Championships in 2016 and the Asian Games in 2018;<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS**, during media interviews, Paalam said that the silver medal he won in the Olympics was especially significant in his life's journey as he used to scavenge for garbage and the medal was recycled from used and broken gadgets;<sup>4</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the outstanding performance of Carlo Paalam, who bested formidable opponents during the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, truly shows the strength, hard work, perseverance, and world-class talents of our Filipino athletes amidst overwhelming odds and serves as an inspiration to the youth and all Filipino athletes;

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

Adopted,

  
**FRANCIS "TOL" N. TOLENTINO**

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<sup>3</sup> <https://olympics.com/tokyo-2020/olympic-games/en/results/boxing/athlete-profile-n1464302-paalam-carlo.htm#events>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.philstar.com/sports/2021-tokyo-olympian-tracker/carlo-paalam/2021/08/07/2118299/scavenger-medal-miner-upcycled-olympic-silver-perfect-symbol-paalam>