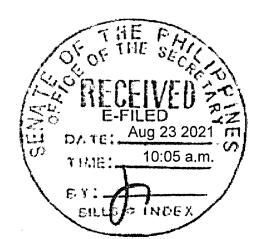
EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

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SENATE

P.S. RES. NO. <u>868</u>

Introduced by Senator Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING EUMIR MARCIAL FOR WINNING THE BRONZE MEDAL FOR THE PHILIPPINES IN THE MEN'S MIDDLEWEIGHT BOXING 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 2020 Summer Olympics is an international multi-sport event that was held from 23 July to 08 August 2021 in Tokyo, Japan;

WHEREAS, Eumir Marcial earned a first-round knockout win over Arman Darchinyan of Armenia and won an Olympic Bronze Medal for the Philippines as he conquered the Middleweight Boxing Competition at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan;¹

WHEREAS, Eumir Marcial assured the Philippines of its third Olympic Medal at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan. Together with athletes Hidilyn Diaz, Nesthy Petacio and Carlo Paalam their wins awarded the Philippines with four (4) medals in the Olympics for the first time since Los Angeles 1932 when the ccuntry collected three bronzes.²

WHEREAS, Eumir's win earned the Philippines its fourth bronze medal in Olympic boxing since Jose Luis Villanueva in 1932, Leopoldo Serantes in 1988, and Roel Velasco in 1992. ³

¹ https://www.rappler.com/sports/boxing/results-eumir-marcial-tokyo-olympics-august-1-2021

² Carlo Paalam defeats in a final bout; PH receives four Olympic medals so far at Tokyo 2020 - Metropoler

³ https://cnnphilippines.com/sports/2021/8/5/Eumir-Marcial-bronze-Tokyo-2020-Olympics-boxing.html

WHEREAS, Marcial was born in Zamboanga on October 29, 1995 where he was trained by his youth boxing coach father at an early age of seven (7) years old.⁴

WHEREAS, Eumir started competing during town fiestas to make a living and help his family to make ends meet. Eumir's potential as a boxer was scouted by Team Zamboanga when they witness one of his fights during the town fiestas.⁵

WHEREAS, in 2011, he became the first Filipino boxer to win a gold medal at the World Junior Championships by claiming victory in the Light Bantamweight category at the 2011 Edition in Astana, Kazakhstan. In 2013, he was named as the Best Asian Youth Boxer by the Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC).⁶

WHEREAS, in the 2017 South East Asian Games in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, he won gold in the middleweight category.⁷

WHEREAS, in 2019, Marcial bagged a gold in the Tokyo 2020 Asia and Oceania Olympic qualifiers, placed second in the Middleweight World Championships, and in 2021, he placed third at the Asian Championships. ⁸

WHEREAS, his exemplary performance in the boxing ring deserves to be recognized and commended for being a great inspiration to the Filipino people while battling the most challenging and life-changing crisis brought by Covid-19 pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines congratulate and commend Eumir Marcial for winning the Bronze Medal for the Philippines in the Men's Middleweight Boxing Competition at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan.

Adopted,

RONALD "BATO" DELA ROSA

⁴ Boxing MARCIAL Eumir - Tokyo 2020 Olympics

⁵ Who Is Eumir Marcial? Get to Know the Up-and-Coming Pinoy Boxer (8list.ph)

⁶ https://olympics.com/tokyo-2020/olympic-games/en/results/boxing/athlete-profile-n1464328-marcial-eumir.htm

⁷ Boxing MARCIAL Eumir - Tokyo 2020 Olympics

⁸ Eumir Marcial KOs way to sure Olympic boxing bronze (rappler.com)