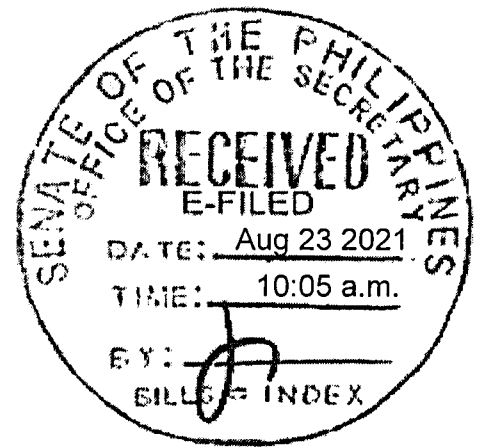


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SENATE

P.S. RES. NO. 869

Introduced by **Senator Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa**

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING CARLO PAALAM FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL FOR THE PHILIPPINES IN THE MEN'S FLYWEIGHT 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 is held from 23 July to 08 August 2021 in Tokyo, Japan;

WHEREAS, Carlo Paalam earned unanimous decision win over Ryomei Tanaka of Japan and won an Olympic Silver Medal for the Philippines as he conquered the Flyweight Boxing Competition at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan;¹

WHEREAS, Carlo Paalam, alongside athlete Nesthy Petecio, the Philippines garnered two (2) silver medals in the Boxing Competition at the 2020 Summer Olympics.²

WHEREAS, Paalam's win earned the Philippines four (4) medals in the Olympics for the first time since Los Angeles 1932 when the country collected three bronze medals.³

WHEREAS, Paalam was born in Bukidnon on July 16, 1998. As a child, he regularly rummaged and dug through the city's sanitary landfill, looking for anything that would be worth selling to help his family earn money for food;⁴

¹ Carlo Paalam Assured a Silver Medal After Defeating Tanaka in His Home Court (esquiremag.ph)

² <https://www.rappler.com/sports/boxing/former-scavenger-carlo-paalam-fights-turn-life-around-tokyo-olympics?fbclid=IwAR3hzNiffyeAkEXSaeSjEnnkN8Jd3rULMY7W5BUcleKyTrun5K353SX5bbQ>

³ <https://sports.inquirer.net/430899/ph-with-multiple-olympic-medalists-for-first-time-since-la-1932>

⁴ <https://www.8list.ph/carlo-paalam/#read-more>

WHEREAS, Paalam at an early age was involved in a backyard boxing match wherein his neighbor, after seeing him fight, convinced him to pursue boxing. He claimed his first amateur fight victory at seven (7) years old, and used the prize money of P200 to buy rice for his family.⁵

WHEREAS, Sports officials discovered Paalam's immense potential as a young boxer and took him in for proper training in 2009.⁶

WHEREAS, he was nurtured and supported by Cagayan de Oro City Mayor Oscar Moreno; Paalam won the gold medal in the 2013 Philippine Youth Games or Batang Pinoy. In 2014, he made it to the national team and competed in various international tournaments.⁷

WHEREAS, Paalam continuously showed his boxing skills when he competed in the famed President's Cup in Astana, Kazakhstan, 10th AIBA International Boxing Tournament and 1st Thailand Boxing Tournament in 2018 and won the gold medals.⁸

WHEREAS, in 2019, he won his first career gold medal in the 2019 Southeast Asian Games wherein he claimed a unanimous decision victory over Indonesia's Kornelis Langu to win the men's light flyweight competition.⁹

WHEREAS, despite growing up in abject poverty, Carlo Paalam showed in the Olympic boxing ring the determination, resiliency, and world-class talent of Filipinos in sports;

WHEREAS, Carlos Paalam's performance in the recently concluded 2020 Tokyo Olympics have inspired and uplifted the spirits of our countrymen while battling the Covid-19 pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines congratulate and commend Carlo Paalam for winning the Silver Medal for the Philippines in the Men's Flyweight Boxing Competition at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan.

Adopted,


RONALD "BATO" DELA ROSA

⁵ <https://www.rappler.com/sports/boxing/former-savenger-carlo-paalam-fights-turn-life-around-tokyo-olympics?fbclid=IwAR3hzNiffyeAkEXSaeSjEnnkN8Jd3rULMY7W5BUcleKyTrun5K353SX5bbQ>

⁶ <https://www.8list.ph/carlo-paalam/#read-more>

⁷ <http://philboxing.com/news/story-155382.html>

⁸ Carlo Paalam enters gold medal match; Eumir Marcial wins bronze | Philippines Lifestyle News

⁹ <https://olympics.com/tokyo-2020/olympic-games/en/results/boxing/athlete-profile-n1464302-paalam-carlo.htm>