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Introduced by **SENATOR JOEL VILLANUEVA**

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING EUMIR FELIX MARCIAL FOR HIS THIRD STRAIGHT PROFESSIONAL BOXING VICTORY AT A MIDDLEWEIGHT BOXING MATCH AGAINST STEVEN PICHARDO IN CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, on 8 October 2022 (9 October 2022, Manila time), Tokyo Summer Olympics bronze medalist Eumir Felix Marcial won against American Steven Pichardo in a six-round middleweight fight held at the Dignity Health Sports Park in Carson, California;¹

WHEREAS, despite suffering an unintentional headbutt cut above his right eye, the 26-year old Olympic boxer from Lunzuran, Zamboanga City showcased his superior boxing skills and punch power to shut down his opponent, 60-54.² This win is his third straight professional boxing victory, with one knockout. Meanwhile, Pichardo slid to an 8-3 record, with two knock outs;³

WHEREAS, Mr. Marcial was conferred the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence on 1 September 2021 for winning the bronze medal in the men's middleweight boxing division at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. He has brought home several other victories for the country since 2011, including the gold medal in the AIBA Junior World Championships (2011), the gold medal at the Southeast Asian Games (2015), a bronze medal at the Asian games (2018), and a silver medal at the AIBA World Championships (2019), among others;⁴

WHEREAS, he has fought for the Philippines not just in the ring but also as a member of the Philippine Air Force (PAF) since 2013 with a rank of Sergeant, and as an organic personnel of the PAF's Civil Military Operations Group;⁵

¹ Inquirer, *Eumir Marcial scored unanimous decision for 3rd straight pro victory*, Published on 9 October 2022, Available at <https://sports.inquirer.net/480268/eumir-marcial-scores-unanimous-decision-for-3rd-straight-pro-victory> (Accessed on 11 October 2022).

² Rappler, *Marcial dominates Pichardo for 3rd straight pro victory*, Published on 9 October 2022, Available at <https://www.rappler.com/sports/boxing/fight-results-eumir-marcial-steven-pichardo-october-8-2022/> (Accessed on 11 October 2022).

³ Op. cit., Inquirer

⁴ Adopted Senate Resolution No. 118, 18th Congress, *Conferring the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence to 2020 Tokyo Olympics Bronze Medalist Eumir Marcial*, Available at http://legacy.senate.gov.ph/18th_congress/resolutions/resno118.pdf (Accessed on 11 October 2022).

⁵ Philippine News Agency, *PAF hails Eumir Marcial for 3rd professional boxing win*, Published on 10 October 2022, Available at <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1185722> (Accessed on 11 October 2022).

WHEREAS, Mr. Marcial's victory in the boxing match against Pichardo has once again proven to the world the persistence and indomitable spirit of the Filipino athlete. His outstanding performance has brought pride and inspiration to the Filipino people, and thus merits honor and recognition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to congratulate and commend Eumir Felix Marcial for his third straight professional boxing victory at a middleweight boxing match against Steven Pichardo in California, United States of America.

Adopted,



JOEL VILLANUEVA