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Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING HIDILYN DIAZ-NARANJO FOR WINNING THREE (3) GOLD MEDALS IN THE WOMEN'S 55KG DIVISION OF THE 2022 INTERNATIONAL WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION (IWF) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ON DECEMBER 8, 2022 IN BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA

WHEREAS, Filipino Olympian and Airwoman Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo has once again brought pride and honor to the country when she reaped three (3) gold medals during the 2022 IWF World Championships in Bogotá, Colombia, her first win at the World Championships;

WHEREAS, 2022 World Weightlifting Championships will serve as the first qualifying event for the Paris 2024 Olympics Games and it is attended by the strongest weightlifters in the world which include several Olympians and world champions;

WHEREAS, for her first gold medal in the World Championships, Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo cleared 93 kilograms on Snatch before she won another gold medal in the Clean and Jerk with 114 kilograms registering a total of 207 kilograms, beating hometown favorite Rosalba Morales who settled for silver with a total of 199 kilograms;

WHEREAS, 31-year-old Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo was born on 20 February 1991 in Zamboanga City, and is the fifth of six children of Eduardo and Emelita Diaz;

WHEREAS, Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo started her weightlifting journey at the young age of 11, learning the basics of weightlifting from her cousin, Allen Jayfrus Diaz, with the use of homemade barbells;

WHEREAS, Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo made history as the first Filipino athlete to win a gold medal in the Olympics since the Philippines first joined the prestigious international sporting meet in 1924 making her the country's first and only Olympic gold medalist thus far;

WHEREAS, she is the first Filipina athlete to participate in four straight Olympic Games, beginning with her Olympic debut in the 2008 Beijing Games at the very young age of 14, where she earned a wild card entry and was the youngest in the delegation;

WHEREAS, Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo also holds the record for being the first Filipina to win an Olympic medal after winning a silver medal in the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil;

WHEREAS, Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo has been consistently making headlines ---in 2018 when she delivered the country's first gold medal in the Asian Games in Jakarta, Indonesia, again in 2019, when she bagged a gold medal in the South East Asian Games held in Manila, marking her first SEA Games gold medal, and finally in 2020, when she dominated the Roma Weightlifting World Cup with three gold medals;

WHEREAS, Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo has now added her new world title to her gold medals at the Olympics, Asian and SEA Games and with this victory she is now a step closer to Paris 2024;

WHEREAS, Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo's journey will continue to give inspiration to millions of Filipinos, showing that, truly, no feat is impossible and with determination, diligence and perseverance dreams do come true;

WHEREAS, with this feat, Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo has brought pride, glory and inspiration to the Filipino people and has once again proven to the world the persistent and indomitable spirit of the Filipino, for which she deserves to be honored and commended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo for winning three (3) gold medals in the women's 55kg division of the 2022 International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) World Championships on December 8, 2022 in Bogotá, Colombia.

Adopted,


JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI