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**RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND RECOGNIZING FILIPINO BOXER MELVIN 'GRINGO'
OLIVA JERUSALEM FOR WINNING THE WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION
(WBO) MINIMUMWEIGHT BELT CHAMPION**

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has, on several occasions, give recognition and commendation to outstanding Filipinos for their exceptional feats of bringing honor, pride and glory to the country by garnering prestigious awards;

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution states 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, Melvin "Gringo" Jerusalem, finally ended the world title drought for the Philippines in boxing after dethroning the World Boxing Organization (WBO) world minimumweight champion Masataka Taniguchi on January 6, 2023, at the Edion Arena in Osaka, Japan;

WHEREAS, Gringo, a 28-year-old boxer from Bukidnon restored the Philippines' boxing glory, three months after the country's last remaining world titlist, Jerwin Ancajas, lost the IBF world super flyweight title in October last year to Fernando Martinez;

WHEREAS, Gringo, based in General Santos City, is in high spirits as he's currently on an eight-fight winning streak in hiking his record to 19-2 with 11 knockouts;

WHEREAS, Gringo has also proved that Filipinos can win world titles in Japan. Filipino boxers are known for losing in the "Land of the Rising Sun," especially in marquee bouts against Japanese up-and-comers and champions;

WHEREAS, Gringo is the third Filipino boxer to earn the WBO world minimumweight title. His former ALA Boxing Gym stablemates Donnie Nietes and Merlito Sabillo previously held the title;

WHEREAS, the win of Gringo is testament to the Filipinos spirit in pursuit of excellence in the world of sports, especially in boxing. The country has produced world class boxers that dominate international competitions. Gringo deserves the highest commendation for his outstanding achievement in boxing, fortifying our place in the world boxing arena;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to congratulate and recognize the Filipino Boxer Melvin 'Gringo' Oliva Jerusalem for winning the World Boxing Organization (WBO) Minimumweight Belt Champion.

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA JR. 