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Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO GYMNAST CARLOS EDRIEL "CALOY" POQUIZ YULO FOR BEING THE FIRST FILIPINO TO HAVE A GOLD MEDAL FINISH IN THE OLYMPICS' ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS FLOOR EXERCISE, AND SECURING THE COUNTRY'S FIRST GOLD MEDAL IN PARIS 2024 OLYMPICS - THE COUNTRY'S SECOND GOLD MEDAL IN ITS 100 YEARS OF PARTICIPATION IN THE OLYMPICS, AND FOR A HISTORICAL FEAT OF CLINCHING BACK-TO-BACK GOLD MEDALS FOR THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has, on several occasions, given recognition and commendation to outstanding Filipinos for their exemplary feats of bringing pride and glory to the country;

WHEREAS, 2024 Summer Olympics, the XXXIII edition of the Olympics and officially branded as Paris 2024, is an international multi-sport quadriennal event taking place from 24 July to 11 August 2024 in France. It is considered as the world's foremost sports competition with more than 200 competing country delegations;

WHEREAS, Carlos Edriel "Caloy" Poquiz Yulo brought home the country's first gold medal at the Paris 2024 Olympics by delivering an outstanding performance in the men's artistic gymnastics floor exercise finals;

WHEREAS, Caloy's victory is momentous for being the first Filipino gymnast to have a podium finish in the Olympics and the second Filipino to win a gold Olympic medal, after Hidilyn Diaz's historic feat in weightlifting in 2010 Tokyo Olympics; **WHEREAS,** just a day after the clinching the his momentous first gold medal at the Olympics, Caloy pulled another historic victory his second gold medal after becoming an Olympic vault champion. His back-to-back win brough the country's medal tally to two (2);

WHEREAS, Caloy is now considered as the "king of the Artistic Floor Exercise" after capturing a breakthrough Olympic gold in the Paris 2024 Games which completes his medal collection from all major international competitions for gymnastics;

WHEREAS, with his "double gold", he has achieved what no Filipino has ever done before – etching his legacy in our country's history;

WHEREAS, Caloy has been a gymnast par excellence since the debut of his international career being the first Filipino and the first male Southeast Asian gymnast to rank at the 2018 World Artistic Gymnastics Championships with a bronze medal for the floor exercise and securing first gold medal finish for the same event in 2019;

WHEREAS, Caloy is bemedalled gymnast with two gold medals in the World Artistic Gymnastics Championships, ten gold medals in the Asian Artistic Gymnastics Championships and nine Southeast Asian Games medals;

WHEREAS, Caloy's triumph is a testament to his passion, dedication, determination and resilience. His promising career which was witnessed back in the 2009 Palarong Pambansa was followed fondly by Filipinos globally who draws inspiration from his grit and grace which, over the years, has allowed him to consistently bag gold medals in floor, vault and ring exercises;

WHEREAS, Caloy's historic triumph and impressive achievement rightfully deserve recognition from the Philippine Senate for bringing immense pride and honor to the entire Filipino nation and inspiring the next generation of Filipino youth and athletes to persevere and excel in their chosen field;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, to congratulate and commend Filipino Gymnast Carlos Edriel "Caloy" Poquiz Yulo for being the First Filipino to have a Gold Medal Finish in The Olympics' Artistic Gymnastics Floor Exercise, Securing the Country's First Gold Medal in Paris 2024 Olympics and the Country's Second Gold Medal in its 100 Years of Participation in the Olympics;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that Carlos Edriel "Caloy" Poquiz Yulo be conferred with the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 781 that automatically confers such honors to Filipinos who have won Olympic medals for the country in recognition of their exceptional achievements and invaluable contributions to nation-building;

Adopted,

RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR