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SENATE

P. S. Res. No. 1117

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

RESOLUTION
CONFERRING THE PHILIPPINE SENATE MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE TO 2024
PARIS OLYMPICS BRONZE MEDALIST AIRA VILLEGAS

1 WHEREAS, Resolution No. 110 establishes the Philippine Senate Medal of
2 Excellence in order to recognize, honor and commend outstanding Filipinos for their
3 exemplary service, outstanding achievements and invaluable contributions to nation-
4 building;

5 WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence is conferred upon
6 Filipinos who are awarded the Nobel Prize, Pulitzer Prize, the A.M. Turing Award, the
7 Ramon Magsaysay Award, or an Olympic medal;

8 WHEREAS, Aira Villegas is a 29-year-old female boxer from Tacloban City who
9 won the bronze medal in the women’s 50-kg boxing in the 2024 Summer Olympics
10 in Paris, France;

11 WHEREAS, Villegas kicked off the campaign of the Philippine boxing team
12 with a unanimous win (5-0) against Morocco’s Yasmine Mouttaki, a bronze medalist
13 in the IBA Women’s World Boxing Championships, on 29 July 2024 (Philippine time).
14 In the preliminary round of 32, Villegas was off to a rousing start with the five
15 judges ruling in her favor with the following scores: 30-27, 29-28, 29-28, 29-28, and
16 29-28;

17 WHEREAS, the 5’2” Filipina southpaw celebrated her birthday with a stunning
18 victory against Roumaysa Boualam of Algeria, two-time African Games champion, in
19 the preliminary round of 16. Villegas secured another convincing 5-0 win via 30-27,
20 29-28, 29-28, 29-28, 30-27 scores;

1 WHEREAS, Villegas guaranteed another podium finish for the Philippines
2 when she took down home bet Wassila Lkhadiri of France in the quarterfinal bout
3 held in North Paris Arena in 04 August 2024 (Philippine time). The Filipino fighter
4 emerged victorious via a gripping split decision win (3-2) following a tight scoresheet
5 of 28-29, 28-29, 30-27, 29-28, and 28-29;

6 WHEREAS, Villegas gave a gallant fight against 2021 Tokyo Olympics silver
7 medalist Buse Naz Cakiroglu of Türkiye to bag bronze during semifinal match held in
8 Roland-Garros Studium in 07 August 2024 (Philippine time);

9 WHEREAS, Villegas, a bronze medalist at 2019 Southeast Asian (SEA) Games,
10 delivered an astounding performance in her Olympic debut in Paris and secured the
11 country's multiple medal success from consecutive Olympics for the first time in
12 history following Carlos Edriel Yulo's first gold medal win in men's floor exercise
13 event in artistic gymnastics in 03 August 2024, and the four medal haul at the Tokyo
14 Olympics in 2021;

15 WHEREAS, Villegas exemplifies the Filipinos' grit, tenacity and unyielding spirit
16 in conquering formidable foes and adversities. Moreover, her glorious victory proves
17 that the Philippines continues to be a powerhouse and a force to be reckoned with in
18 boxing;

19 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate,
20 to confer the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence to Aira Villegas for her
21 outstanding achievement of winning the country's bronze medal in the 2024 Paris
22 Olympics, thus bringing honor and prestige to the Republic of the Philippines and
23 serving as an inspiration to the Filipino people.

Adopted,


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA