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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING FILIPINO BOXING ICON MANNY "PACMAN" PACQUIAO FOR A UNANIMOUS DECISION VICTORY OVER MEXICAN BOXER MARCO ANTONIO BARRERA IN THEIR SUPER FEATHERWEIGHT SHOWDOWN HELD LAST OCTOBER 7, 2007 IN MANDALAY BAY EVENTS CENTER IN LAS VEGAS, U.S.A.

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid tribute to outstanding Filipino athletes in the professional boxing league for their astonishing feat of bringing home pride to the country by becoming world champions;

WHEREAS, the Filipino national icon Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao fought and repeated his victory over legendary Mexican boxing champion Marco Antonio Barrera in the long-awaited rematch of their 2003 bout, which was considered by many boxing enthusiasts as the match which defined Pacman's career;

WHEREAS, the 28-year-old Filipino boxing hero turned out to be the more aggressive than his opponent Mexican boxer Marco Antonio Barrera and all three judges favored Pacquiao by a wide margin with Blenn Trowbridge and Jerry Roth scoring it 118-109 and Tom Schreck scoring it 115-112;

WHEREAS, the Filipino boxing icon, who became the World Flyweight Champion from 1998 to 1999 and World Super Bantamweight Champion from 2001 to 2004 as bestowed by the World Boxing Council (WBC) and International Boxing Federation (IBF), respectively, and currently the WBC International Super Featherweight Champion of the World, has improved his record of 45 wins, 3 losses, and 2 draws, with 35 wins by way of a knockout;

WHEREAS, the Filipino ring sensation Manny Pacquiao, who captured his WBC International Super Featherweight championship belt in 2005 from Hector Velasquez, has successfully defended his title through the best Mexican fighters including Erik Morales, Oscar Larios and Jorge Solis;

WHEREAS, the courage and exemplary performance displayed by this Filipino boxer has lifted the nation's resolve to unite for peace and unity, a testament of which is the momentary laying down of arms and stoppage of insurgencies particularly in Mindanao;

WHEREAS, Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao did not only display high quality sportsmanship and fair play in his fight but served as a symbol of hope for our country that with valor and dedication, honor and glory can be achieved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Senate to congratulate Filipino boxing icon Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao for a unanimous decision victory over Mexican boxer Marco Antonio Barrera in their Super Featherweight showdown held last October 7, 2007 in Mandalay Bay Events Center in Las Vegas, U.S.A.

Adopted,


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