



Introduced by **Senator Risa Hontiveros**

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING HIDILYN DIAZ FOR
BEING THE FIRST EVER FILIPINO ATHLETE TO BRING HOME AN OLYMPIC
GOLD MEDAL**

WHEREAS, on 26 July 2021, Hidilyn Diaz gave the Philippines its first ever Gold medal¹ since joining the Olympics in 1924, the highest honor a Filipino athlete can gift her home country;

WHEREAS, Hidilyn Diaz edged out her competitors and brought home the country's maiden Olympic Gold when she set the new Olympic record lift of 127 kg in the clean and jerk in addition to her tallied 97 kg in snatch, setting a second Olympic weightlifting record of 224 kg in total;

WHEREAS, she has been smashing records and claiming a lot of firsts: the country's first Gold medal in the 2018 Jakarta Palembang Asian Games², the first Filipina to win an Olympic medal³, the first Filipina to win a Silver Olympic medal⁴, and the first multi-medaled Filipina Olympian⁵;

WHEREAS, her tenacious pursuit of her ambition and unwavering aspiration of bringing home the highest distinction in sports had been saddled by uncalled for political controversy, threatened by limited resources, and weakened by a 'hand-to-mouth training operation'⁶, all exacerbated by the pandemic;

WHEREAS, the grace and dignity with which Hidilyn Diaz rose above the challenges laid in her path show that girls with dreams become women with vision;

WHEREAS, her historic triumph at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics cemented her place in the Philippines' pantheon of legendary athletes;

WHEREAS, her odyssey starting as a girl lifting plastic pipes and homemade concrete weights cast in old tin cans⁷ to her moving victory in Tokyo should serve as a reminder of every Filipina's resilience in the face of adversity, perseverance despite uncertainty, and strength against all odds;

¹<https://www.rappler.com/sports/weightlifting-results-hidilyn-diaz-tokyo-olympics-july-26-2021>

²<https://ent.abs-cbn.com/magandangbuhay/articles-photos/look-sea-games-gold-medalist-hidilyn-diaz-winner-din-sa-love-life-76>

³<https://olympics.com/en/featured-news/hidilyn-diaz-aiming-for-gold-tokyo-2020>

⁴<https://ent.abs-cbn.com/magandangbuhay/articles-photos/look-sea-games-gold-medalist-hidilyn-diaz-winner-din-sa-love-life-76>

⁵<https://www.rappler.com/sports/weightlifting-results-hidilyn-diaz-tokyo-olympics-july-26-2021>

⁶<https://asia.nikkei.com/Spotlight/The-Big-Story/Athletes-upstaged-by-political-drama-as-Japan-s-COVID-Olympics-open>

⁷<https://olympics.com/en/featured-news/hidilyn-diaz-aiming-for-gold-tokyo-2020>

NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to commend and congratulate Hidilyn Diaz for being the first ever Filipino athlete to bring home an Olympic Gold Medal.

Adopted,

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