

P. S. Res. Nos. 1117, 1118, 1119,
1120, 1125, 1134, 1137, 1139,
1141, 1149, and 1154

Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
Senate

Manila City

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RESOLUTION No. 132

RESOLUTION CONFERRING THE PHILIPPINE
SENATE MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE ON AIRA
VILLEGAS FOR WINNING THE BRONZE
MEDAL IN THE 50KG CATEGORY OF
WOMEN'S BOXING AT THE 2024 SUMMER
OLYMPIC GAMES IN PARIS, FRANCE

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has consistently recognized Filipinos whose outstanding achievements in prestigious international competitions brought immense pride and honor to the country;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 110, adopted on August 23, 2021, establishes the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence to recognize, honor, and commend outstanding Filipinos for their exemplary service, outstanding achievements, and invaluable contributions to nation-building. It provides that the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence shall be conferred upon Filipinos who are awarded an Olympic medal, among others;

WHEREAS, the Olympic Games is an international multi-sport quadrennial event and is considered the world's foremost sports competition with delegations from more than 200 competing teams representing sovereign states and territories;

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2024, Aira Villegas won the bronze medal in the 50-kilogram category of women's boxing at the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris, France, and made the nation proud as the Philippine flag was raised on the global stage;

WHEREAS, born on August 1, 1995 in Tacloban City, Villegas developed her interest in boxing at the age of nine through the influence of her older brother while helping her family as a peanut vendor;

WHEREAS, at the age of 16, Villegas began her amateur boxing career as the youngest boxer in the women's stable of the Association of Boxing Alliances in the Philippines and continued to harness her boxing skill unmindful of the devastating effects of Typhoon Yolanda to her family in 2013;

WHEREAS, prior to her Olympic debut, Villegas represented the Philippines with pride and distinction in various international competitions, including the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships, the Southeast Asian (SEA) Games, and the Asian Games, winning a bronze medal in the 2019 SEA Games and a gold medal at the 2024 Boxam Elite Tournament (women's 50kg division) in La Nucia, Spain;

WHEREAS, in 2021, Villegas was selected by the Philippine Olympic Committee as a beneficiary of the Olympics Solidarity Scholarship Grant by the International Olympic Committee. Her inspiring story demonstrates that with

dedication, discipline, and courage, one can overcome life's adversities and achieve greatness;

WHEREAS, Villegas deserves the highest accolades and recognition from the Philippine Senate for her remarkable feat that has brought honor and prestige to our beloved country and stands as a symbol of hope and inspiration to the Filipino nation, epitomizing the standards of excellence, nationalism, hard work, and virtue that Filipinos can aspire for: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To confer the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence on Aira Villegas for winning the bronze medal in the 50kg category of women's boxing at the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris, France.

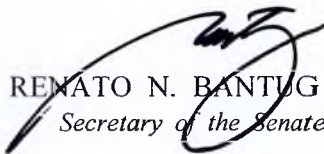
Adopted,



FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO

President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 14, 2024.



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Secretary of the Senate