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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING NONITO "THE FILIPINO FLASH" DONAIRE, JR. FOR WINNING THE WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION (WBA) FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE AGAINST SOUTH AFRICAN SIMPIWE VETYEKA AT THE VENETIAN HOTEL AND CASINO IN MACAU, CHINA ON MAY 31, 2014

WHEREAS, Nonito "The Filipino Flash" Donaire, Jr. was named "2012 Fighter of the Year" by the Boxing Writers Association of America, ESPN.com, and Yahoo.¹

WHEREAS, he has held world titles in three weight divisions and an interim world title in a fourth. In addition to the WBO and IBF 122-pound world titles, Nonito is also a former WBC and WBO bantamweight world champion. He has also held the WBA interim super flyweight world title and is a former IBF flyweight world champion, as well.²

WHEREAS, Nonito "The Filipino Flash" Donaire, Jr. reclaimed his championship status after beating the former World Boxing Association (WBA) Featherweight Champion South African Simpiwe Vetyeka in a unanimous technical decision on May 31, 2014 at the Venetian Hotel and Casino in Macao.

WHEREAS, the fight was stopped after four rounds due to Donaire's huge gash sustained in the opening round that was ruled as coming from an accidental headbutt by Vetyeka.

WHEREAS, the huge gash sustained by our champion Nonito "The Filipino Flash" Donaire, Jr. might have affected the Filipino boxer's vision but being an elite fighter, he did not let this affect his

¹ <http://www.toprank.com/fighters/nonito-donaire#bio>

² Ibid.

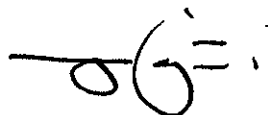
perseverance and determination to be the WBA Featherweight Champion.

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the wound he sustained due to the head butt made by his opponent, Nonito "The Filipino Flash" Donaire' Jr. endured the fight and won the Championship title.

WHEREAS, during his recent fight, Nonito "The Filipino Flash" Donaire, Jr. demonstrated his ability to withstand any harsh conditions that he is forced to face with. Such disposition of our Champion inspired and energized the Filipino spirit.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend Nonito "The Filipino Flash" Donaire' Jr. for winning the WBA Featherweight Championship against the South African Simpiwe Vetyeka at the Venetian Hotel and Casino in Macau, China on May 31, 2014.

ADOPTED,



JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO