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Introduced by Senator Vicente C. Sotto III  
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**RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING FILIPINO OLYMPIC SENSATION HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE 53-KILOGRAM CLASS OF THE WEIGHTLIFTING EVENT OF THE 2016 WORLD OLYMPICS IN RIO DE JANEIRO**

WHEREAS, the first time the Philippines competed in the Olympics at the 1924 Paris Olympiad, our country has so far won only a total of 10 medals consisting of seven (7) bronzes and three (3) silvers;

WHEREAS, during our first Olympic stint 92 years ago, we sent a single athletic delegation in the person of David Nepomuceno who competed in the 100m sprint but lost in the first heat. The following Olympics in 1928 Amsterdam Games, our country won its first medal compliments of swimmer Teofilo Yldefonso. Our very own Asian King of High Jumping, Simeon Toribio almost made it to the medal haul, but landed only to 4th spot;

WHEREAS, the 1932 Los Angeles Games was our most successful Olympic Campaign where we won a total of three (3) bronze medals. Yldefonso duplicated his bronze finish in the games, while Toribio improved his fourth place in the previous Olympics by bagging the bronze this time, plus a prevailing bronze medal won by Jose Villanueva in the bantamweight division match in boxing;

WHEREAS, from three (3) bronzes in 1936 we have to settle to only one (1) bronze in the 1936 Berlin Olympics compliments of soldier Miguel White in the 400 m hurdles. Our Philippine National Basketball Squad has also been successful in this games by losing only ones, to perineal champion USA, but had to settle for fifth place over-all. That finish remained the highest by an Asian Quintet in Olympics caging;

WHEREAS, from thereon, frustrations continuously marked the Filipinos' showing in the Olympics until boxer Anthony Villanueva sparks at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics by harvesting the country's first silver medal during a very close showdown with the Russian in the Finals;

WHEREAS, once again a long silence plagued the fate of the Filipino athletes in the succeeding Olympics. A strong showing tells that boxing will be our country's hopeful to make a comeback in the medal haul in the Olympics when our country displayed its agility in the boxing arena in the 1988 Seoul and 1992 Los Angeles Games where Leopoldo Serrantes and Roel Velasco won their respective bronze medals;

WHEREAS, the country's second silver medal in the Olympics was captured by Mansueto Velasco in the boxing event in the 1996 Atlanta Games;

WHEREAS, Hidilyn Diaz who came from Mindanao, was the first Filipina athlete to win a medal in the Olympic games;

Whereas, the silver medal won by the Philippines in Rio De Janeiro Olympics was the first medal we captured in a non-boxing event;

WHEREAS, the third silver medal won this time by Hidilyn Diaz in the 53-kilogram class of the weightlifting competition at the Riocentro Pavilion in this year's edition of the Olympic games, is an indicator that the first gold medal for our country in the quadrennial games is attainable;

WHEREAS, Filipino athletes but as well as the POC, PSC, DEPed, DILG and other government agencies concerned with the full backing of our people should get together to work for the elusive Olympic Gold.

Adopted,

  
**VICENTE C. SOTTO III**  
Senator