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Introduced by SENATOR SONNY ANGARA

RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING OLYMPIC WEIGHTLIFTER HIDILYN DIAZ
FOR HER INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO PHILIPPINE SPORTS
WINNING A HISTORIC SILVER MEDAL FOR THE PHILIPPINES IN THE SUMMER
OLYMPIC GAMES HELD IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL LAST AUGUST 8, 2016
AND BECOMING THE FIRST FILIPINA TO WIN AN OLYMPIC MEDAL

WHEREAS, Filipino weightlifter Hidilyn Diaz along with other twelve (12) Filipino athletes namely— Nestor Colonia, Jasmine Alkhaldi, Jessie Lacuna, Ian Lariba, Miguel Luis Tabuena, Maristella Sunan, Eric Cray, Mary Joy Tabal, Rogen Ladon, Charly Suarez, Kristie Alora, and Kodo Nakano represented the Philippines in the Summer Olympics held in Rio de Janeiro from August 5-21, 2016. The Summer Olympics is a globally recognized multi-sport event, organized by the International Olympic Committee and held every four years;

WHEREAS, Diaz bagged a historic silver medal at the women's 53-kg category in weightlifting last August 8, 2016 finishing with a score of 200-kg. Diaz stood second to Chinese-Taipei's Hsu Shu-Ching who won the gold medal with a total weight of 212-kg. Meanwhile, she bested Korea's Yoon Jin Hee who won bronze with 199-kg;

WHEREAS, Diaz's silver-medal victory is momentous, being a veritable first in various respects in Philippine sports history. Hers is the first Philippine Olympic medal since Mansueto "Onyok" Velasco won silver in the light flyweight boxing competition during the 1996 Olympics in the United States. Diaz is the first Filipina to win an Olympic medal and the first non-boxer to win a medal since 1936. Hailing from Zamboanga City, Diaz is also the first Filipino Olympic medalist from Mindanao;

WHEREAS, through Republic Act 10699, or the National Athletes and Coaches Benefits and Incentives Act, Diaz will be receiving five million pesos (Php 5 million) as cash incentive for her victory. Diaz shall also receive scholarship and retirement benefits, equivalent to twenty-five percent (25%) of all her winnings throughout her career. These incentives and benefits shall be over and above the standard national athlete benefits that include discounts in lodging, transportation, medicine, sports equipment, amusement, free medical and dental consultation, Philhealth and SSS coverage, priority in housing programs and loans, and the use of living quarters;

WHEREAS, the 2016 Olympics is Diaz's third participation in the Games following her 2008 Beijing and 2012 London stints. Through grit and determination, she made history not only for herself and her fellow athletes, but for the entire country as well. After training countless hours and exhibiting unrelenting dedication to her sport, Diaz's hard work finally paid off in one glorious historic moment that cemented her name in Philippine sports history;

WHEREAS, Diaz is a rare shining star in our quest for Olympics success. May her historic win inspire and blaze the way for other Filipino and Filipina athletes as well as the youth to courageously follow their own Olympic dreams and bring honor to our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines congratulates and commends Olympic weightlifter for her invaluable contribution to Philippine sports winning a historical first silver medal for the Philippines in the Summer Olympics held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil last August 8, 2016 and becoming the first Filipina to win an Olympic medal.

Adopted.



SONNY ANGARA