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RESOLUTION

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING CARLOS EDREIL YULO AND
NESTHY PETECIO FOR WINNING GOLD MEDALS IN THE ARTISTIC
GYMNASTICS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND IN THE WORLD BOXING
CHAMPIONSHIP, RESPECTIVELY**

1 WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution, Art. XIV, Section 19 provides that “[t]he
2 State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league
3 competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions,
4 to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy
5 and alert citizenry;”

6 WHEREAS, it is in recognition of this policy that we recognize noteworthy
7 achievements in the field of sports to encourage and incentivize excellence among
8 our athletes;

9 WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate, in several occasions, has paid tribute to
10 outstanding Filipino athletes for their astonishing feat of bringing home pride and
11 glory to the country by winning international sporting competitions;

12 WHEREAS, last October 12, Carlos Edriel Yulo brought home the Philippines’
13 first gold medal in the world artistic gymnastics field when he topped in the floor
14 exercise competition at the 49th FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Championships held
15 in Stuttgart, Germany;¹

16 WHEREAS, despite being the youngest competitor, Yulo bested Israel’s Artem
17 Dolgopyat and China’s Xiao Ruoteng who took home silver and bronze medals,
18 respectively;

¹ Inquirer.net (October 13, 2019) “Olympics-bound Yulo wins historic gold for PH in world championships” Retrieved from <https://sports.inquirer.net/369597/olympics-bound-carlos-yulo-wins-historic-gold-philippines-in-artistic-gymnastics-world-championships-breaking>

1 WHEREAS, surpassing his bronze medal performance last year, Yulo is also
2 the first Filipino to win a gold medal in the said competition²;

3 WHEREAS, 19-year-old Yulo is the second Filipino to qualify for the 2020
4 Tokyo Olympics.³ A few weeks prior, pole vaulter EJ Bieno earned a spot in the 2020
5 Tokyo Olympics for clearing 5.81 meters in a tournament in Chiara, Italy, surpassing
6 the Olympic standard of 5.80 meters⁴;

7 WHEREAS, following Yulo's feat, Filipina boxer Nesthy Petecio bagged
8 another gold medal, this time in the 2019 AIBA Women's World Boxing
9 Championship featherweight division held in Ulan-Ude, Russia;⁵

10 WHEREAS, Petecio won her match over Russia's Liudmila Vorontsove in a
11 split-decision to secure her victory;⁶

12 WHEREAS, the 27-year old veteran boxer ended our country's seven-year
13 drought in the tournament since Josie Gabuco took home a gold medal in the light
14 flyweight division in 2012;⁷

15 WHEREAS, Yuli and Petecio should be lauded for bringing pride and honor to
16 the Philippines by bagging gold medals in their respective world sports events;

17 WHEREAS, the outstanding performance by our Filipino athletes deserve to
18 be commended for the honor that they brought to our country and in recognition of
19 their efforts and sacrifice;

² ABS-CBN Sports.com (October 13, 2019) "HISTORY! Yulo becomes first Pinoy gymnast to win gold at World Championships" Retrieved from <https://sports.abs-cbn.com/generalsports/news/2019/10/12/yulo-becomes-first-pinoy-win-gold-world-championships-62053>

³ Reuters.com (October 12, 2019) "Gymnastics: Yulo claims Philippines' first-ever gold at worlds" Retrieved from <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-gymnastics-world-yulo/gymnastics-yulo-claims-philippines-first-ever-gold-at-worlds-idUSKBN1WR0GG>

⁴ Navarro, J. (October 15, 2019) "PH pole vaulter EJ Obiena qualifies for Tokyo Olympics". Retrieved from <https://sports.inquirer.net/364205/ph-pole-vaulter-ej-obienna-qualifies-for-tokyo-olympics#ixzz62P8nz1F9>

⁵ Eugenio, M. (October 14, 2019) "This Pinay Boxer just bagged a gold medal at the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships" Retrieved from <https://www.cosmo.ph/news/pinay-boxer-bagged-gold-medal-aiba-women-world-boxing-championships-a292-20191013>

⁶ Giongco, M. (October 13, 2019) "Nesthy Petecio wins gold in boxing world championships" Retrieved from <https://sports.inquirer.net/369648/nesthy-petecio-wins-gold-in-boxing-world-championships>

⁷ Rappler.com (April 26, 2019) "Josie Gabuco bags Asian boxing gold". Retrieved from <https://www.rappler.com/sports/by-sport/boxing-mma/229073-josie-gabuco-wins-gold-asian-championships-april-2019>

1 WHEREAS, there is need to honor exemplary performances from our athletes
2 to encourage our youth to take up sports and compete for our country;

3 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to congratulate and
4 commend Carlos Edreil Yulo and Nesthy Petecio for winning gold medals in the
5 Artistic Gymnastics World Championship and in the World Boxing Championship,
6 respectively.

Adopted,


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