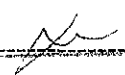


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RESOLUTION

EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO FILIPINO BOXING ICON MANNY "PACMAN" PACQUIAO FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL VICTORY OVER HIS TOP MEXICAN RIVAL ERIK "EL TERRIBLE" MORALES IN THEIR REMATCH BOUT LAST JANUARY 22, 2006 HELD AT THOMAS AND MACK CENTER IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, THUS MAKING HIM THE NUMBER ONE CONTENDER TO THE WBC SUPER FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP BELT

WHEREAS, Manny "PACMAN" Pacquiao has gained international recognition in his professional boxing career being a holder of prestigious titles in different weight divisions such as the reigning World Boxing Congress (WBC) International Super Featherweight Champion of the World, People's Featherweight Champion and formerly the International Boxing Federation (IBF) Super Bantamweight and WBC Flyweight Champion;

WHEREAS, the rivalry between Pacquiao and Morales started in their first match in March 2005, a close fight which lasted for 12 rounds and culminated in a split decision in favor of the latter;

WHEREAS, the Filipino boxing icon made an immediate come back after his dramatic defeat to Morales by winning the WBC International Super Featherweight Champion of the World, his third boxing title, by way of a technical knockout against Hector Velasquez in September 2005 at Staples Center in Los Angeles, California, USA;

WHEREAS, last January 22, 2006, Pacquiao, inspite of being rated by renowned international boxing analysts as the underdog in his fight against Morales, has proven his worth and prowess by defeating the latter in their rematch bout by way of a knockout in the tenth round, thus placing him the top contender to the WBC Super Featherweight Championship belt;

WHEREAS, the international victory of Pacquiao is indeed a commendable feat for it brought not only pride and glory to our countrymen but gave hope and unity to our country at the most opportune time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Senate expresses its sincere congratulations to Filipino boxing icon Manny "PACMAN" Pacquiao for his exceptional victory over his top Mexican rival Erik "El Terrible" Morales in their rematch bout last January 22, 2006 held at Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas, Nevada, thus making him the number one contender to the WBC Super Featherweight championship belt.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator