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Introduced by Senator Richard J. Gordon

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING
MANNY "PACMAN" PACQUIAO, A TRUE FILIPINO HERO

WHEREAS, on 22 January 2006, Emmanuel "Manny the Pacman" Pacquiao defeated in a rematch Mexico's Erik Isaac "El Terrible" Morales Elvira by technical knockout in the tenth round, overcoming his own defeat at the hands of Morales 10 months ago;

WHEREAS, it has been said that this feat makes him the highest paid Filipino athlete in Philippine sports history;

WHEREAS, though no title was at stake, the match was televised across the globe, demonstrating to the world that the Filipino can indeed rise above adversity and triumph;

WHEREAS, amidst the divisive politics of our country, his victory has united our people, as his victory is the victory of every Filipino;

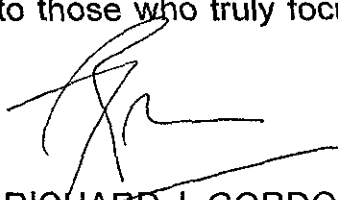
WHEREAS, every Filipino must realize that Pacquiao's success was not handed to him on a silver platter; rather, Pacquiao focused his mind and steeled his resolve in order to succeed, diligently and painstakingly training himself physically and mentally to emerge victorious;

WHEREAS, Pacquiao's victory stands as a symbol of the Filipino spirit, that the Filipino can survive, become globally competitive and even dominate respective fields, through sheer hard work and perseverance;

WHEREAS, Pacquiao's path to success should be imitated by each Filipino and the nation as a whole if we truly desire to secure to ourselves and our posterity the blessings of independence and democracy;

WHEREFORE, let it be resolved, that the Senate recognize, as it hereby recognizes, the outstanding and unprecedented achievement of Emmanuel "Manny the Pacman" Pacquiao in the field of sports and for making every Filipino proud to be a Filipino, emphasizing that even despite momentary hardships and difficulties, victories ultimately come to those who truly focus and strive to attain them.

Approved,


RICHARD J. GORDON, *ym*