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A RESOLUTION

COMMENDING JIMREX JACA AND MANNY PACQUIAO FOR THEIR VICTORY IN THE WBC SUPER FEATHERWEIGHT CHALLENGE HELD LAST 21 JANUARY 2006 AT THE THOMAS AND MACK CENTER IN LAS VEGAS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THEREBY REAFFIRMING FILIPINO EXCELLENCE IN BOXING

WHEREAS, many Filipino athletes have continuously gained recognition and international success because of their champion performance in sports competitions;

WHEREAS, boxing world champions Gabriel "Flash" Elorde, Luisito Espinosa, Ceferino Garcia, Gerry Peñalosa, Erbito Salavarria, Mansueto "Onyok" Velasco, Roel Velasco, Francisco Pancho Villa, Ben Villaflor, and Anthony Villanueva are revered athletes who have given pride and honor to⁺the country because of their exemplary performance in the sport of boxing;

WHEREAS, during the WBC Super Featherweight Challenge held last 21 January 2006 at the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas, United Stated of America (USA), Jimrex Jaca and Manny Pacquiao once again proved Filipino excellence in boxing by scoring impressive victories against their respective opponents;

WHEREAS, Jimrex Jaca, a native of Sibulan, Negros Oriental, beat Geronimo Hernandez of Mexico after scoring a first-round knockout in the undercard, and gaining victory as one the country's top super featherweight boxers;

WHEREAS, Manny Pacquiao, a native of General Santos City, defeated Erik Morales, a three-time world champion through a technical knockout during the 10th round of their junior lightweight bout;

WHEREAS, although no titles were at stake in their matches, the double victory of Jimrex Jaca and Manny Pacquiao brought pride and joy to all Filipinos, and provided a timely break from the negative publicity that has occupied the news lately;

WHEREAS, Jimrex Jaca and Manny Pacquiao should be recognized for their hard work, and the inspiration they continue to give the Filipino people through their victories;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate commend Jimrex Jaca and Manny Pacquiao for their victory in the WBC Super Featherweight Challenge held last 21 January 2006 at the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas, USA, thereby reaffirming Filipino excellence in boxing.

Adopted,

MA'R ROXAS