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RESOLUTION No. 9

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE FILIPINO  
BOXERS LED BY GERRY PEÑALOSA,  
DIOSDADO GABI, MICHAEL DOMINGO, A. J.  
BANAL, Z GORRES AND REY BAUTISTA FOR  
WINNING THE BOXING WORLD CUP OVER  
MEXICO HELD LAST AUGUST 12, 2007 IN  
ARCO ARENA, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA,  
U.S.A.

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid tribute to outstanding Filipino athletes, in both the professional and amateur leagues, for their astonishing feat of bringing home pride and glory to the country by becoming world champions;

WHEREAS, six Filipino fighters participated in the RP-Mexico World Cup boxing held last August 11, 2007 in Sacramento, California, USA and displayed superior boxing skills over Mexican rivals to capture a rousing 5-1 victory and claim the *World Cup of Boxing* last August 12, 2007;

WHEREAS, Diosdado Gabi of Davao City started the win for the Philippines by an eight-round decision over Jose Angel Beranza followed by Sultan Kudarat's Michael Domingo's six-round unanimous decision over previously unbeaten Miguel Roman;

WHEREAS, the winning streak was continued by teenage A. J. "Bazooka" Banal by knocking out Jorge Cardenas in the third round of their bout while Z Gorres posted the fourth win by defeating former WBC lightweight titlist Eric Ortiz on the eight round to capture the IBF Intercontinental superflyweight crown;

WHEREAS, veteran Gerry Peñalosa was able to show his worth as former WBC superflyweight champion after defeating Jhonny Gonzalez via knockout in the seventh round thereby claiming the World Boxing Organization bantamweight title, pulling the Filipino boxers to its rousing five wins;


WHEREAS, another great fighter, Rey "Boom Boom" Bautista, came to the fight but failed to score a win. Nevertheless, he showed the true spirit of a fighter who is not afraid to fight a world champion and as part of the team, he is also coming home a winner;

WHEREAS, the exemplary performances displayed by these Filipino athletes cemented the reputation of the Philippines as a breeding ground of world-class boxers;

WHEREAS, these boxers fought and displayed high quality sportsmanship and fair play in victory and in defeat, and undoubtedly gave their best to win not only trophies but honor and glory for our country, making them sports heroes: Now, therefore, be it


*Resolved, as it is hereby resolved,* That the Senate express its sincere congratulations to the Filipino boxers led by Gerry Peñalosa, Diosdado Gabi, Michael Domingo, A. J. Banal, Z Gorres and Rey Bautista, for winning the Boxing World Cup over Mexico held last August 12, 2007, in Arco Arena, Sacramento, California, U.S.A. and for the courage, determination and Filipino spirit they have shown to attain excellence in the sports of boxing.

Adopted,



MANNY VILLAR  
*President of the Senate*

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 13, 2007.



EMMA LIRIO-REYES  
*Secretary of the Senate*