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## RESOLUTION

COMMENDING WITH THE HIGHEST ESTEEM THE 6-MAN FILIPINO BOXING TEAM FOR PROUDLY CARRYING THE COLORS OF OUR FLAG IN TRIUMPH BY CAPTURING THE "WORLD CUP OF BOXING" CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE BY DEFEATING THE HIGHLY REGARDED MEXICAN TEAM THROUGH A SCORE OF 5-1 IN THE INTERNATIONAL BOUT HELD LAST AUGUST 12, 2007 IN ARCO ARENA, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, the 6-man Philippine delegation composed of Rey "Boom-Boom" Bautista, Gerry Penalosa, Diosdado Gabi, A.J. "Bazooka" Banal, Michael Domingo and Z Gorres competed in the World Cup of Boxing against the highly respected Mexican Team composed of Jhonny Gonzales, Jhonny Ponce de Leon, Jorge Cardenas, Eric Ortiz, Jose Angel Beranzo and Miguel Roman; last August 12, 2007 in Arco Arena, Sacramento, California;

WHEREAS, Diosdado Gabi and Michael Domingo both defeated their respective foes in a unanimous decision in the scorecards of the judges that immediately lifted the morale of Team Philippines in the initial phase of the competition;

WHEREAS, the youthful A.J. Banal posted the third win for the Philippines after a convincing knock-out victory in just 28 seconds in the third round of his match improving his career records to fourteen wins with eleven knockouts;

WHEREAS, Z Gorres registered the fourth victory for the country after stopping in the eighth round former World Boxing Council (WBC) lightflyweight title holder that exalted the Filipino to become the reigning International Boxing Federation (IBF) superflyweight champion;

WHEREAS, veteran Gerry Penalosa, was able to show his worth as a former world boxing titlist after defeating his opponent via knockout with the hard punching style to pull the Philippines to its rousing five wins and one loss after Rey "Boom Boom" Bautista failed to hurdle his opponent in the final match;

WHEREAS, the stirring victory of the Philippine Team in the "World Cup of Boxing" displayed that the combination of talent and prowess of our athletes proved that Filipinos are indeed international calibers;

WHEREAS, these boxing greats were able to deliver pride, honor and joy to our nation and the millions of Filipinos cheering for their triumph;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to commend with the highest esteem the 6-man Filipino boxing team for proudly carrying the colors of our flag in triumph by capturing the "World Cup of Boxing" championship title by defeating the highly regarded Mexican team through a score of 5-1 in the international bout held last August 12, 2007 in Arco Arena, Sacramento, California.

Approved.

Gregorio B. Honasan II Senator