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## INTRODUCED BY THE HONORABLE MAR ROXAS

## **A RESOLUTION**

COMMENDING MANNY PACQUIAO FOR WINNING THE 19 NOVEMBER 2006 BOXING CONTEST AGAINST ERIK MORALES, HELD AT THE THOMAS AND MACK CENTER IN LAS VEGAS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, BRINGING HONOR AND PRIDE TO THE PHILIPPINES AND AFFIRMING FILIPINO EXCELLENCE IN THE SPORT OF BOXING.

WHEREAS, in a 1999 nationwide survey done by Social Weather Station, boxing was voted among the top sports where Filipinos excelled,

WHEREAS, on 19 November 2006, 27 year-old Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao, a native of General Santos City, defeated former three-time world champion Erik Morales by knockout during the third round of their bout held at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas, USA;

WHEREAS, Pacquiao's victory in his third match against Morales elicited jubilation among Filipinos, who paused from their activities—even criminals, as a zero crime rate had been reported in Metro Manila during the bout—just to watch their champion;

WHEREAS, the Filipinos' world-class excellence in boxing began with Flash Elorde, who is recorded in history as one of the greatest fighters to over come out of the Asia-Pacific region, and continued with other boxing greats, including world boxing champion Luisito Espinosa and 1999 Atlanta Olympics silver medalist Mansueto "Onyok" Velasco;

WHEREAS, the efforts of Pacquiao, as well as other sport heroes before and after them who bring pride and honor the Philippines, deserve to be recognized as they exemplify the Filipino people's ability to persevere in the face of insurmountable odds and to prevail over them;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to commend Manny Pacquiao for winning in the 19 November 2006 boxing contests held at Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas, bringing honor and pride to the Philippines and affirming Filipino excellence in the sports of boxing.

M A R ROXAS Senator