


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Introduced by Sen. Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING THE FILIPINO BOXERS LED BY GERRY PEÑALOSA, DIOSDADO GABI, MICHAEL DOMINGO, A.J. BANAL, Z GORES 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 on 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 super flyweight crown;

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 fairplay in victory and in defeat, and undoubtedly gave their best to win not only trophies by 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 sports of boxing.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator