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Senate

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RESOLUTION NO. 42

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING
FILIPINO BOXERS NONITO DONAIRE JR., REY BOOM
BOOM BAUTISTA AND AJ BANAL FOR WINNING IN
SEPARATE BOUTS, DEFENDING THEIR PROFESSIONAL
BOXING STATURE AS INTERNATIONAL BOXING
CHAMPIONS

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

WHEREAS, Filipino boxer Nonito 'Filipino Flash' Donaire showed his tenacity and power in his first title defense by

defeating Mexican fighter Luis Maldonado in the eighth round of their International Boxing Federation — International Boxing Organization flyweight title fight at Foxwoods Casino and Resort in Mashantucket, Connecticut, United States, Saturday, December 1, 2007;

WHEREAS, Nonito 'Filipino Flash' Donaire pounded the challenger Luis Maldonado throughout the bout, dropping his opponent in the seventh round with a stunning uppercut followed by a powerful left hook, and ending the bout 76 seconds in the eighth round with a powerful right hand;

WHEREAS, in another fight, Filipino boxer Rey 'Boom Boom' Bautista fought against Mexican fighter Antonio 'Barrio' Meza at the Araneta Coliseum, Cubao, Quezon City, Sunday, December 2, 2007;

WHEREAS, Rey 'Boom Boom' Bautista successfully defended his regional crown via a 12-round unanimous decision to retain his World Boxing Organization (WBO) Intercontinental super bantamweight crown;

WHEREAS, the Bohol-born, Cebu-based Rey 'Boom Boom' Bautista had his best rounds in the fourth and ninth when he rocked Antonio Meza with power shots in the head and body;

WHEREAS, the 21-year old 'Boom Boom' Bautista demonstrated maturity and cleverness in outboxing his Mexican challenger who proved to be a tough fighter in the super bantamweight division;


WHEREAS, another Filipino boxer, AJ Banal, showing maturity in his fight, scored an explosive knockout against Mexican boxer Jovanny Soto with a perfectly-timed right hook to the jaw in the ninth round of their fight at the Araneta Coliseum, Cubao, Quezon City, Sunday, December 2, 2007;

WHEREAS, the exemplary triple triumphs of Donaire, Bautista and Banal cemented the reputation of the Philippines as a training ground for world-class boxing champions;


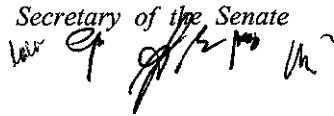
WHEREAS, these boxers fought and displayed high quality sportsmanship and fair play in victory and undoubtedly gave their best to win not only trophies but honor and glory for our country, making them sports heroes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To congratulate and commend the Filipino boxers Nonito Donaire Jr., Rey 'Boom Boom' Bautista and AJ Banal for winning in separate bouts, defending their professional boxing stature as international boxing champions.

Adopted,


MANNY VILLAR
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on December 11, 2007.


EMMA LIRIO REYES
Secretary of the Senate


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