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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING NONITO DONAIRE JR. FOR WINNING THE MAY 31, 2014**  
**WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION (WBA) FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**TITLE AT THE COTAI ARENA OF THE VENETIAN RESORT IN MACAU**

**WHEREAS**, the 31-year-old Nonito "The Filipino Flash" Donaire Jr. triumphed over South African Boxer Simpiwe Vetyeka claiming the WBA featherweight title on May 31, 2014 in Macau;

**WHEREAS**, Nonito Donaire Jr., with a record of 33-2, 22 knockouts, won by technical decision with three judges scoring 49-46 in the 5<sup>th</sup> round when the bout was stopped due to a cut in his left eyebrow caused by an accidental head butt<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, Nonito Donaire Jr. fiercely continued to fight until the fifth round despite the serious injury he sustained during the first round;

**WHEREAS**, according to the WBA rules, if a boxer is accidentally injured and as a result the referee determines that he cannot continue fighting in that or later rounds, the result of the fight shall be determined by the judges' scorecards as long as four rounds have been completed. The fighter ahead on the scorecards shall be declared the winner by technical decision;<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, Nonito Donaire Jr. has won 5 world titles in four weight divisions;

**WHEREAS**, Nonito Donaire Jr. was named World Boxing Hall of Fame "Most Outstanding Boxer of the Year" in 2007;

**WHEREAS**, Nonito Donaire Jr. has been victorious in four boxing weight divisions which include:<sup>3</sup>

- NABF S-FL Title (2006)
- IBF FL World Title (2007)

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<sup>1</sup> The Philippine Star, Donaire defeats Vetyeka, gets 5<sup>th</sup> belt in rough fight, June 1, 2014, <http://www.philstar.com/sports/2014/06/01/1329837/donaire-defeats-vetyeka-gets-5th-belt-rough-fight>

<sup>2</sup> Rules of the World Boxing Association (Asociacion Mundial De Boxeo), [http://wbanews.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/WBA\\_Rules\\_adopcted\\_in\\_Panama\\_8-8-13.pdf](http://wbanews.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/WBA_Rules_adopcted_in_Panama_8-8-13.pdf)

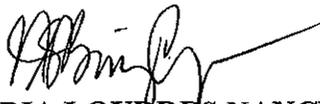
<sup>3</sup> Nonito Donaire, Fight History, <http://www.toprank.com/fighters/nonito-donaire>

- WBA Interim S-FL World Title (2009)
- WBC Continental Americas Bantamweight Title (2010)
- WBC, WBO Bantamweight World Titles (2011)
- WBO JF World Title (2012)
- WBC SB Diamond Belt (2012)

**WHEREAS**, Nonito Donaire Jr.'s countless achievements, distinct ability and tenacity inspire Filipinos all over the world and give our country worldwide recognition in the sport of boxing;

**RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Senate of the Philippines, to congratulate Nonito Donaire Jr. for winning the May 31, 2014 WBA featherweight title at the Cotai Arena of the Venetian Resort in Macau.

Adopted,



**MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY**  
Senator