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Introduced by Senator SONNY ANGARA

RESOLUTION
COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING SENATOR EMMANUEL "MANNY" PACQUIAO FOR WINNING THE WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION (WBA) WORLD WELTERWEIGHT TITLE LAST JULY 15, 2018 AT THE AXIATA ARENA IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

1 WHEREAS, on July 15, 2018 at the Axiata Arena in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia,
2 boxer and senator Emmanuel "Manny" Pacquiao claimed the World Boxing
3 Association (WBA) World Welterweight Title Belt, his 4th welterweight world title, and
4 handed Argentine boxer Lucas Matthyse his first defeat since 2015 via technical
5 knockout (TKO) in the 7th round;

6 WHEREAS, Pacquiao, 39 years old, now boasts 60 wins (39 by knockouts), 7
7 losses and 2 draws in his highly successful boxing legacy;

8 WHEREAS, this accomplishment is even more astonishing as the legendary
9 boxing senator bested Matthyse, a younger, taller, and heavier opponent who was
10 dubbed a "pressure fighter with a penchant for stopping bouts early"¹;

11 WHEREAS, despite the obvious advantages of the Argentine boxer, it posed
12 no threat to Pacquiao as he put on display his veteran experience, dropping
13 Matthyse three times before the referee stopped the fight;

14 WHEREAS, this victory, a testament to the grit, perseverance, and the
15 indomitable spirit of Pacquiao to dominate – even against younger opponents,
16 elevates Pacquiao as the first and only 8-weight division boxing champion;

¹ www.syndication.bleacherreport.com/amp/2785906-pacquiao-vs-matthyse-tale-of-the-tape-fight-records-and-more-for-both-boxers.amp.html

1 WHEREAS, this recent achievement solidifies further the legacy of Pacquiao as
2 one of the best pound for pound boxers, and one of the most entertaining,
3 influential, and recognizable sports icons in the world;

4 WHEREAS, the win from the *Pambansang Kamao* is a proof that a man with
5 humble beginnings can reach the pinnacle of success. This, thereby, serves as an
6 inspiration – not just to our country’s boxers and athletes – but also to all Filipinos to
7 persevere and work hard for a better future especially in these trying times;

8 WHEREAS, Pacquiao’s efforts to once again elevate the sport – and in turn,
9 the country – should be commended in order to serve as a shining example of
10 fortitude in the face of challenges and humility in triumph;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines
12 congratulate and commend Senator Emmanuel “Manny” Pacquiao for winning the
13 World Boxing Association (WBA) World Welterweight Title last July 15, 2018 held at
14 the Axiata Arena in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Adopted,


SONNY ANGARA