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Introduced by Senator SONNY ANGARA

RESOLUTION
COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN WEIGHTLIFTING AT THE 18TH ASIAN GAMES HELD IN JAKARTA-PALEMBANG, INDONESIA

1 WHEREAS, Hidilyn Diaz, a native of Zamboanga City, once again brought
2 pride and honor to the country when she nabbed the gold medal for the women's
3 53-kilogram weightlifting event during the 18th Asian Games held in Jakarta-
4 Palembang, Indonesia;

5 WHEREAS, the 14-year national lifter's win gave the Philippines its first gold
6 medal for this year's Asian Games after she bested leading competitors:
7 Turkmenistan strongwoman Kristina Shermetova and Thailand's Sorudchana
8 Khambao;

9 WHEREAS, Diaz, 27 years old, came from behind to beat Shermetova, who
10 tallied 206 kilograms, by lifting 92 kilograms in the snatch and 115 kilograms in the
11 clean and jerk for a total of 207 kilograms – enough to claim the first place;

12 WHEREAS, this victory is an inspiring story of redemption for Diaz after only
13 finishing sixth during the 2014 Asian Games in Incheon, South Korea and last during
14 the 2010 Asian Games in Guangzhou, China;

15 WHEREAS, with her most recent accomplishment, Diaz – who also brought
16 home the country's first Olympic medal in 20 years by winning the second place for
17 weightlifting during the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil – truly lived
18 up to the high expectations of millions of Filipinos rooting for her to succeed;

1 WHEREAS, Diaz, for her recent contribution in uplifting the country's sports
2 stature to the world, will receive, among others, Two Million Pesos
3 (PhP2,000,000.00), by virtue of RA 10699 or An Act Expanding the Coverage of
4 Incentives Granted to National Athletes and Coaches;

5 WHEREAS, her triumph will also serve as an additional motivation as she now
6 sets her eyes on qualifying and competing in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics;

7 WHEREAS, Diaz's story of perseverance and dedication in the face of trials
8 and challenges will surely boost the morale, not only of our national athletes but also
9 of the rest of the country

10 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines
11 congratulate and commend Hidilyn Diaz for bringing pride and honor to the nation
12 by winning the gold medal in weightlifting at the 18th Asian Games held in Jakarta-
13 Palembang, Indonesia.

Adopted,



SONNY ANGARA