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RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING SENATOR EMMANUEL "MANNY" PACQUIAO FOR SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDING THE WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION (WBA) WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AGAINST ADRIEN BRONER IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

WHEREAS, last 20 January 2019 in the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Nevada, Senator Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao dominated the 12-round boxing match against American boxer Adrien Broner and successfully defended his WBA Welterweight Championship Belt in a unanimous decision;

WHEREAS, according to the official scorecards, Judge Dave Moretti scored 117-111, while Judges Glenn Feldman and Tim Cheatham both had 116-112 in favor of the senator who now has a 61-win record with 39 knockouts (KOs);

WHEREAS, Senator Pacquiao, who earned the WBA Welterweight Championship Belt last year after defeating Argentine boxer Lucas Matthyse, was the clear winner not only to the judges and the 13,000 spectators in attendance but also to boxing fans and enthusiasts everywhere;

WHEREAS, despite the 11-year gap between the two boxers, Senator Pacquiao exhibited discipline, determination, and experience to win ten (10) out of the 12 rounds – more than enough to beat the 29-year old Broner.¹ In fact, the Ohio native failed to land more than eight (8) punches per round, even landing only one (1) out of 22 attempts in the final round;²

WHEREAS, more importantly, Senator Pacquiao – with this recent performance – proved to boxing fans and critics that "the Manny Pacquiao journey will still continue;"³

WHEREAS, this recent win by the 40-year-old Filipino fighting senator is not only another layer in his future hall of fame legacy, it also serves as an inspiration to the all Filipinos that – with enough determination and perseverance – all of us can be world class talents;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines congratulate and commend Senator Emmanuel "Manny" Pacquiao for successfully defending the World Boxing Association (WBA) Welterweight Championship against Adrien Broner in Las Vegas, Nevada.

¹ <https://www.cbssports.com/boxing/news/manny-pacquiao-vs-adrien-broner-fight-results-scorecard-pacman-scores-unanimous-decision-win/>

² http://tv5.espn.com/boxing/story/_/id/25807241/manny-pacquiao-vs-adrien-broner-learned

³ <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2019/01/21/1886800/pacquiao-dominates-broner>

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