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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO BOXERS NONITO DONAIRE JR., REY 'BOOM BOOM' BAUTISTA AND AJ BANAL FOR BEATING THEIR FOES 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 eight 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, ending matters 76 seconds in the eight round with a powerful left hand. In the seventh round, Donaire landed a stunning uppercut followed by a powerful left hook that dropped Maldonado to his knees;

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. 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, scored an explosive knockout against Mexican boxer Jovanny Soto. AJ Banal likewise showed maturity in his fight and caught Jovanny Soto with a perfectly-timed right hook to the jaw that floored the Mexican fighter 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 fairplay 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 to congratulate and commend the Filipino boxers Nonito Donaire Jr., Rey 'Boom Boom' Bautista and AJ Banal for beating their foes in separate bouts, defending their professional boxing stature as international boxing champions.

Approved.


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Senator