


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**RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO BOXING CHAMPIONS MANNY "PACMAN" PACQUIAO, GERRY PENALOSA, REY "BOOM BOOM" BAUTISTA, AJ "BAZOOKA" BANAL AND CISO MORALES FOR SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDING THEIR PROFESSIONAL BOXING STATURE AS INTERNATIONAL BOXING CHAMPIONS AND FOR BRINGING HONOR AND PRIDE TO OUR COUNTRY**

*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 champion Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao knocked down Mexican champion Juan Manuel Marquez in the third round before capturing the WBC Super Featherweight Championship by a 12-round split decision on Saturday, March 16, 2008 at the Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, U.S.A.;

*WHEREAS*, this landmark victory of Manny Pacquiao in the World Boxing Council (WBC) Super-Featherweight bout has made him Asia's first three-division champion in the field of professional boxing;

*WHEREAS*, during the boxing event held last April 6, 2008 at the Araneta Coliseum in Cubao, Quezon City entitled "Invasion: Philippines vs. The World", four (4) Filipino boxers, namely: Gerry Peñalosa, Rey "Boom Boom" Bautista, AJ "Bazooka" Banal and Ciso Morales have successfully defended their titles and once again have proven to the world that our country is a breeding ground for world champions in the field of professional boxing;

*WHEREAS*, Filipino World Boxing Organization (WBO) Bantamweight Champion Gerry Peñalosa successfully defended his belt against Thailand's Ratanachai Sor Vorapin and was dubbed as the best technical fighter among the Filipino boxers when he won with a scintillating finish in the 8<sup>th</sup> round against his opponent;

*WHEREAS*, our WBO Inter-Continental Super Bantamweight Champion Rey "Boom Boom" Bautista successfully defended his belt by knocking out Mexico's Genaro Camargo in the second round of a 12-round match and has demonstrated maturity and cleverness in outboxing his challenger who proved to be a tough fighter in the Super Bantamweight division;

**WHEREAS**, Filipino boxer AJ "Bazooka" Banal displayed his prowess and valor by successfully defending his belt against Uruguay's Caril Herrera in their boxing match;

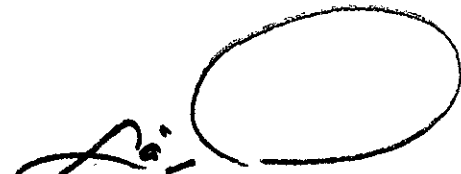
**WHEREAS**, Filipino boxer Ciso Morales also defeated Korea's Yoo-Shin Kim in a 12-round match and successfully retained his WBO Oriental Super Bantamweight title during the same boxing event;

**WHEREAS**, the exemplary triumphs of Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao, Gerry Penalosa, Rey "Boom Boom" Bautista, AJ "Bazooka" Banal & Ciso Morales established without a doubt that the Philippines has indeed invaded the world in the sport of boxing;

**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 Filipino boxing champions Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao, Gerry Penalosa, Rey "Boom Boom" Bautista, AJ "Bazooka Banal" and Ciso Morales for successfully defending their professional boxing stature as international boxing champions and for bringing honor and pride to our country.

**Adopted,**

  
**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
Senator