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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. __84



Introduced by: REPRESENTATIVE ERIC L. OLIVAREZ

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE HONORABLE SENATOR AND BOXING CHAMPION EMMANUEL "MANNY" PACQUIAO FOR WINNING THE WBA SUPER WELTERWIGHT TITLE AGAINST KEITH THURMAN

WHEREAS, Honorable Senator Emmanuel "Manny" Pacquiao, is already one of the greatest fighters to ever put on gloves, added yet another remarkable chapter to his legendary career by beating Keith Thurman and taking his World Boxing Association (WBA) super welterweight world title on Saturday night, July 20, 2019 (Sunday, July 21, Manila time) at MGM Grand Garden Arena, Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S.A.;

WHEREAS, incredibly fought 71 fights and 486 rounds of professional boxing, while also serving as a Senator of the Philippines and still garnering massive victories both boxing and politics;

WHEREAS, Senator Manny Pacquiao at the age 40, outdueled the unbeaten champion and 10 years younger Keith Thurman, over 12 rounds of boxing to capture the WBA Super Welterweight Title via split decision;

WHEREAS, he had won three fights in the past 12 months' namely; a knock out Lucas Matthysse, a decision over Adrien Broner in January 2019, and after 6 months the recent victory over Thurman;

WHEREAS, Senator Manny Pacquiao is the first boxer in history to win ten world titles in eight different weight divisions: Flyweight (112 lbs.) Lineal, Super Bantamweight (122 lbs.) Featherweight (126lbs.) Super Featherweight (130 lbs.) Lightweight (135 lbs.) Junior Welterweight (140 lbs.) Welterweight (147 lbs.) Super Welterweight (154 lbs.) The first boxer in history to win the lineal championship in five different weight classes. He was named "Fighter of the Decade" for the 2000's by the Boxing Writers Association of America (BWAA). A three-time The Ring "Fighter of the Year" for 2006, 2008, and 2009;

WHEREAS, Senator Manny Pacquiao is an eight division world champion has won against bigger men and has defeated the very best of each division such as: Marco Anonio Barrera, Juan Manuel Marquez, Erik Morales, Oscar De La Hoya, Ricky Hatton, Miguel Cotto, and Antonio Margarito; and has 5 lineal titles he picked up from Timothy Bradley who was then anointed the lineal champ after Floyd Mayweather Jr's retirement;

WHEREAS, Honorable Senator Pacquiao's perseverance and resilience in boxing again brought pride and honor to the country and united the Filipinos across the globe; and, serves as a model to our people with the humility and grace after every hard-fought contest;

WHEREAS, Senator Pacquiao's proves that time, hard work and faith are the one-two punch combination to win in life, inside and outside the boxing ring. And hopefully will inspire the Filipino by his achievements;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as it is HEREBY RESOLVED that the House of Representatives extend its congratulation and commendation to the remarkable performance and inspiring victory of Honorable Emmanuel "Manny" Pacquiao, Senator and the reigning WBA Super Welterweight Champion in the recently held boxing match against Keith Thurman held last July 20, 2019 at the MGM Grand Garden Arena, Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S.A.

Approved.

ERIC L. OLIVAREZ