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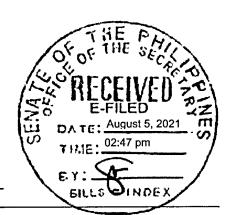
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SENATE

P.S. Res. No. 828

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Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING EUMIR FELIX MARCIAL FOR HONORING THE COUNTRY WITH AN OLYMPIC BRONZE MEDAL AT THE MEN'S MIDDLEWEIGHT BOXING EVENT OF THE 2020 SUMMER OLYMPICS AT THE KOKUGIKAN ARENA IN TOKYO, JAPAN ON 5 AUGUST 2021

WHEREAS, Filipino Olympian Eumir Felix Marcial brought pride and glory to the Philippines by winning an Olympic bronze medal in the Men's Middleweight Boxing event of the 2020 Summer Olympics at the Kokugikan Arena in Tokyo Japan on 5 August 2021;

WHEREAS, hailing from a family of boxers in Zamboanga City, the 25-year old boxer started training at the age of seven with his father, Eulalio Marcial, who coached young local boxers;

WHEREAS, Eumir Marcial won the AIBA Junior World Championships in 2011 and received the Best Asian Youth Boxer of the Year Award in 2013 where he was recognized as a strong contender to represent the country in future competitions;

WHEREAS, Eumir Marcial has since proven himself as an indomitable fighter in the ring, bagging the gold medal in the 2015, 2017 and 2019 Southeast Asian Games; winning the bronze medal in the 2018 Asian Games; and securing the silver medal in the 2019 AIBA World Boxing Championships;

WHEREAS, like most of the members of the Philippine team, Eumir Marcial sees boxing as a means to support his family, especially the children of his older brother, Eliver Marcial, who suddenly passed away last year;

WHEREAS, even after he kicked-off his professional boxing career last year, Eumir Marcial kept his promise to his father to represent the Philippines in the Olympics; and held on to the loss of his brother to train harder, stay focused and motivated to reach a podium finish for the country and for his family;

WHEREAS, in the Round of 16 of the Men's Middleweight event on 29 July 2021, Eumir Marcial won his first Olympic debut match by first round stoppage over Algerian Younes Nemouchi;

WHEREAS, Eumir Marcial dominated the Quarterfinals on 1 August 2021, knocking out Armenian Arman Darchinyan in the first round, securing for himself a slot in the Semifinals and a shot at a podium finish;

WHEREAS, after this astounding performance by Eumir Marcial, the Philippines will now be bringing home four medals from the coveted international sporting event, surpassing the record three-medal win in 1932;

WHEREAS, Eumir Marcial's triumph in the Tokyo Olympics has brought pride, glory and inspiration to the Filipino people and has once again proven to the world the strong determination and unrelenting spirit of the Filipino, for which he deserves to be honored and commended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend Eumir Felix Marcial for honoring the country with an Olympic bronze medal in the Men's Middleweight Boxing event of the 2020 Summer Olympics at the Kokugikan Arena in Tokyo Japan on 5 August 2021;

Adopted,

JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI