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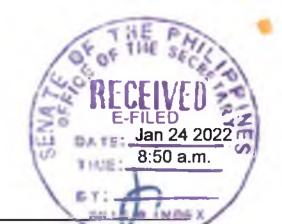
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RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING RACHEL MARCIAL-DONAIRE FOR BEING THE FIRST WOMAN AND FILIPINA TO RECEIVE THE HONORARY WORLD BOXING COUNCIL (WBC) TRAINER'S BELT

WHEREAS, coaches and trainers play an important role in sports development, aside from developing analytical thinking, strategic thinking, expanding their motor skills while establishing a mind and body connection, they help athletes achieve their goals by doing personalized, one-on-one training, as well as improving confidence, inspiring and motivating them to reach beyond the bounds of what they thought was possible;

WHEREAS, professional boxers have multiple coaches specializing in different expertise, such as strength and conditioning, food and nutrition, development of training programs, and designing skill drills, which are important in the holistic development of boxers and the improvement of their abilities and skills;²

WHEREAS, the WBC recognizes the contributions of these boxing coaches and trainers, by giving them notable awards of honor for their valuable work alongside legendary boxing champions,³ such as the trainer belt for coaches whose efforts aided fighters to win the green title strap;⁴

WHEREAS, the woman behind the defensive strategies of renowned Filipino boxer Nonito "the Filipino Flash" Donaire, Jr., is his wife, head trainer, and boxing coach-manager, Rachel Marcial-Donaire, who has led his preparations for boxing matches, consisting of studying the opponent, physical training, and adopting the proper mental health and mindset;⁵

¹ Ghildiyal, R. (2015), Role of Sports in the Development of an Individual and Role of Psychology in Sports. US National Library of Medicine National Institutes of Health. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4381313/

² Walker, D. (2019, February 14). What Makes a Good Boxing Trainer?. World Boxing Council. https://www.wbcme.co.uk/ringside/what-makes-a-good-boxing-trainer/

³ Sulamain, M. (n.d.). The 12th Round: New WBC Trainer's Belts + Complete Division-By-Division Updates. Fightnews. https://fightnews.com/12th-round-trainers-honored-divisional-updates/19956

⁴ Walker, D. (2018, September 13). WBC belt history. World Boxing Council. https://www.wbcme.co.uk/ringside/wbc-belt-history/

⁵ Pamintuan, C. (2021, June 8). Nonito Donaire's wife Rahcel takes on new role as chief trainer. *ESPN*. https://tv5.espn.com/boxing/story/_/id/31587709/wife-rachel

WHEREAS, Rachel Donaire became the first ever woman and Filipina to receive the WBC trainer belt in recognition of her efforts as Nonito Donaire's coach and head trainer;⁶

WHEREAS, following his victory last 29 May 2021 for the WBC World Bantamweight Title against French boxer, Nordine Oubaali in Carson, California,⁷ Nonito Donaire paid tribute to his wife and trainer, Rachel Donaire⁸ emphasizing her vital role in his victorious boxing match, whom he described as "the voice in the corner," being the only one he could hear during the night of the championship;⁹

WHEREAS, Nonito Donaire's recent win made him a four-division conqueror and a three-time bantamweight champion, which also placed Rachel Donaire in an unprecedented position as she became the first ever woman head trainer to coach a world champion;¹⁰

WHEREAS, Rachel Donaire also excelled in her own sport as she landed a spot in the US Taekwondo National Team, Philippine Taekwondo National Team, and the USA Taekwondo National Collegiate Team, and eventually became a military taekwondo champion in 2002 after joining the US Air Force;¹¹

WHEREAS, as a firm advocate of women's rights, Rachel Donaire has also been supporting organizations focused on helping battered women and children; 12

WHEREAS, Rachel Donaire is a leading example of a strong Filipina, as she inspires fellow women by her ability to efficiently juggle her roles as a mother, wife, manager, strength and conditioning coach, and now as Nonito Donaire's head coach; ¹³

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines to commend and congratulate Rachel Marcial-Donaire for being the first woman and Filipina to receive the honorary WBC Trainer's Belt.

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⁶ ABS-CBN News (2021, June 3). Donaire: Let's stop Asian hate, any kind of hate, https://news.abs-cbn.com/sports/06/03/21/donaire-lets-stop-asian-hate-any-kind-of-hate

⁷ Lozada, B. (2021, June 3). Donaire pays tribute to wife and head trainer Rachel after historic win. *Inquirer*, https://sports.inquirer.net/424861/donaire-pays-tribute-to-wife-and-head-trainer-rachel-after-historic-win

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¹³ Pamintuan, C. (2021, June 8). Nonito Donaire's wife Rahcel takes on new role as chief trainer. *ESPN*. https://tv5.espn.com/boxing/story/_/id/31587709/wife-rachel