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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING, COMMENDING, AND HONORING HIDILYN FRANCISCO DIAZ FOR BRINGING AN IMMENSE SENSE OF PRIDE, HONOR, AND JOY TO THE COUNTRY BY CLINCHING THE FIRST EVER OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL FOR THE PHILIPPINES AS SHE WON FIRST PLACE IN THE WEIGHTLIFTING-WOMEN SPORTING EVENT IN THE TOKYO 2020 SUMMER OLYMPICS**

**WHEREAS**, the Olympic Games – or the Olympics – is considered the world’s foremost and premier multi-sports competition and is participated by almost all nations around the globe;

**WHEREAS**, the Olympics started in 1896 in Athens, Greece and is normally held every four (4) years – alternating as either Summer Olympics or Winter Olympics;

**WHEREAS**, from July 23 to August 8, 2021<sup>1</sup>, the 2020 Summer Olympics – officially known as the Games of the XXXII Olympiad and branded as the Tokyo 2020 Olympics – is held in Tokyo, Japan and is participated by more than 200 national teams from different countries around the world;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines is one of the participating countries in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and has sent nineteen (19) athlete delegates to compete in eleven (11) different sport games;

**WHEREAS**, one of delegates of the Philippine Olympic team is Ms. Hidilyn Francisco Diaz who competed in the Weightlifting Women – 55 kilogram category sporting event;

**WHEREAS**, on July 26, 2021, Hidilyn Diaz made history when she won the gold medal in the said sporting event – making herself to be the first Filipino to ever clinch the Olympic gold medal which has been elusive to the country in the 125 years of the Olympic Games and since 1924 when the Philippines first participated in the same;

**WHEREAS**, on top of winning the country's first Olympic gold medal, Hidilyn Diaz also set an Olympic record by lifting a total of 224 kilograms – 97 kilograms in the 'snatch' technique and 127 kilograms in the 'clean and jerk' technique – a feat that no one has done before;

**WHEREAS**, Hidilyn Diaz' triumph – which ended the 97-year drought of an Olympic gold medal – brought an immense sense of pride, honor and joy to the Filipino people who have been dreaming, working and praying to capture the most coveted Olympic win;

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<sup>1</sup> Originally scheduled on July 24 – August 9, 2020 but was rescheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic

**WHEREAS**, the victory of Hidilyn Diaz rekindled a new sense of hope and motivation among Filipino athletes and has set into rest any doubt on the ability of the Filipino spirit to win and conquer any challenge – however insurmountable it may seem – in any international sporting event;

**WHEREAS**, the feat of Hidilyn Diaz also revived a sense of hope and inspiration among the Filipino people to believe in themselves and in their ability to emerge victorious despite the challenges and hardships they experienced in life – particularly during the current COVID-19 pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, prior to the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, Hidilyn Diaz had also honored the Philippine flag by winning in other prestigious sporting events – such as clinching the gold medal in the 2018 Asian Games held in Jakarta, Indonesia and winning the silver medal in the 2016 Summer Olympics held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, both in 53-kg. Weightlifting Women category – to name a few;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, that the House of Representatives congratulates, commends, and honors Hidilyn Francisco Diaz for bringing an immense sense of pride, honor and joy to the country by clinching the first ever Olympic gold medal for the Philippines as she won first place in the Weightlifting-Women sporting event in the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics.

Adopted,

  
DOMINGO C. RIVERA

  
EDUARDO "BRO. EDDIE" C. VILLANUEVA