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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1994



Introduced by Honorable Dale “Along” R. Malapitan, John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto & Edward Vera Perez Maceda

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING FILIPINA WEIGHTLIFTER HIDILYN FRANCISCO DIAZ FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL FEAT IN WINNING THE HISTORIC GOLD MEDAL FOR THE PHILIPPINES IN THE WOMEN’S 55-KILOGRAM CATEGORY FOR WEIGHTLIFTING ON JULY 26, 2021 AT THE 2020 TOKYO SUMMER OLYMPICS

WHEREAS, our country’s long search for the elusive first Olympic gold has finally come to an end after our very own Hidilyn F. Diaz bagged the gold medal at the 55-kilogram category for weightlifting at the 2020 Summer Olympics held at the Tokyo International Forum;

WHEREAS, Ms. Diaz’s conquest at the Olympics is no easy feat as she has to outbest Chinese Liao Qiuyun, the 2019 World and Asian champion and world record holder, in a nail-biting showdown and Olympic record setting marks;

WHEREAS, it was the first Olympic gold for the Philippines since its inaugural participation in this greatest sporting event where the country was then represented by a lone participant in the person of Jose Nepomuceno in the 1924 Games held in Paris, France;


WHEREAS, early in her weightlifting career, Ms. Diaz, a native of Zamboanga City, competed in the 2008 Summer Olympics, the youngest competitor in the women’s 58-kilogram category and, again, in the 2016 Summer Olympics where she won the silver medal in the women’s 53-kilogram weight division, ending the Philippines’ 20-year Olympic medal drought. She is the first female weightlifter to compete for the Philippines in the Olympics, and the sixth weightlifter overall;

WHEREAS, Ms. Diaz’s gold-medal feat sets a new dawn in Philippine sports as it transcends the individual achievements of all Filipino Olympians including the silver medal performance of boxer Anthony Villanueva, boxer Mansueto “Onyok” Velasco and her own Olympic record in the 2016 Rio Olympics;

WHEREAS, the remarkable performance of Ms. Hidilyn Diaz deserves to be given the highest commendation for the glory, honor, prestige and distinction she has brought to our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives commend and congratulate Filipina weightlifter Hidilyn Francisco Diaz for her exceptional feat in winning the historic gold medal for the Philippines at the women's 55-kilogram category for weightlifting on July 26, 2021 at the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics;

Adopted.



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