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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2039



Introduced by: DEPUTY SPEAKER ROBERTO "ROBBIE" V. PUNO

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND HONORING HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING THE FIRST OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives, as the People's House, recognizes the outstanding performance of our Filipino athletes who bring pride and glory in the Philippines for their exceptional talent and hard work.

WHEREAS, the Summer Olympic Games 2020 being held in Tokyo, Japan from July 23 – August 8, 2021 is an international, multi-sport event governed by the International Olympic Committee, the supreme authority of the worldwide modern Olympic movement;

WHEREAS, 11,091 athletes from 206 National Olympic Committees/Countries are taking part in 339 medal events in 33 different sports and 32 International Federations;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is represented by nineteen (19) qualified athletes competing in eleven (11) sports in the Summer Olympic Games 2020, namely: Kristina Marie Knott and EJ Obiena for track and field; Carlo Paalam, Eumir Marcial, Irish Magno, and Nesthy Petecio for boxing; Juvic Pagunsan, Bianca Pagdanganan, and Yuka Saso for golf; Carlos Yulo for gymnastics; Kiyomi Watanabe for judo; Cris Nievarez for rowing; Jayson Valdez for shooting; Luke Gebbie and Remedy Rule for swimming; Kurt Barbosa for Taekwondo; and Erleen Ando and Hidilyn Diaz for weightlifting.

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2021, Hidilyn Diaz, through her exceptional talent, resolve and unswerving commitment to bring honor and pride to the country, clinches the first Olympic Gold Medal for the Philippines in the Women's 55kg Weightlifting Competition – setting an Olympic record in the said category by lifting a total of 224kg.

WHEREAS, this is Hidilyn Diaz' fourth time to represent the country in the Summer Olympics, competing in the 2008 Beijing Games, 2012 London Games, and 2016 Rio Games where she bagged the silver medal. She also represented the country in various international competitions where she won three gold medals in the 2015 Southeast Asian Championships and Asian Championships; bronze medal in the 2015 World Championships; gold in the 2018 Asian Games; gold in the 2019 Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games); and gold in the 2020 Roma World Cup;

WHEREAS, it is noteworthy that Hidilyn Diaz, 30 years of age and a native of Zamboanga City, is the First Filipino to win the Gold Medal in the Olympics since the country's first participation in the Summer Olympics in 1924 – ending its gold medal dry spell in the Olympic Games;

WHEREAS, Hidilyn Diaz, through her display of grit, power, and determination serves as an inspiration not only to Filipino athletes but her fellow countrymen.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of the Philippines, to recognize, commend and extend its warmest congratulations to HIDILYN DIAZ for winning the country's first Olympic gold medal in the 55kg weightlifting of the Summer Olympics 2020;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be furnished to HIDILYN DIAZ.

Adopted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robbie Puno', with a stylized flourish at the end.

ROBERTO "ROBBIE" V. PUNO