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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2052

Introduced by Rep. Jose “Bonito” C. Singson, Jr.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CONGRATULATING AND LAUDING SERGEANT HIDILYN FRANCISCO
DIAZ AND DECLARING HER AS A NATIONAL ATHLETIC HERO FOR
BRINGING UNPRECEDENTED PRIDE AND HONOR TO THE COUNTRY BY
WINNING THE FIRST EVER OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL FOR THE COUNTRY
AND FOR SETTING AN OLYMPIC RECORD FOR THE WOMEN’S
WEIGHTLIFTING 55 KG DIVISION**

WHEREAS, since joining the Olympics in 1924, the Philippines has continuously sent its best athletes to what is considered to be the pinnacle of athletic events where every athlete aspires to participate in and win;

WHEREAS, nearly a hundred years later and after having participated in 21 prior summer Olympics, the much coveted Olympic Gold Medal has continued to elude us, having garnered only ten medals of silver and bronze in the previous events;

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hidilyn Diaz, began to make a name for herself by clinching a bronze medal in the 2007 SEA Games; she then became the first Filipina Olympic Weightlifter when she joined the 2008 Beijing Olympics, eventually winning a silver medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics—ending a 20-year Olympic medal drought for the Philippines;

WHEREAS, despite various struggles and roadblocks to her training, including being locked down in Malaysia due to the pandemic, Diaz displayed true Filipino perseverance by continuing with her training despite the lack of ideal training conditions;

WHEREAS, finally, in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, Hidilyn Diaz, in a magnificent display of strength and determination, bested even the current world champion to win the Women’s Weightlifting 55k Division, earning the Philippines’ first ever Olympic Gold Medal;

WHEREAS, not only did Hidilyn Diaz win the competition, but she did it with a record breaking performance by lifting a total of 224kg, setting a new Olympic record.

WHEREAS, in addition to being a decorated athlete and Olympian, Hidilyn Diaz is also a distinguished Sergeant of the Philippine Air Force Civil Military Operations Group;

WHEREAS, it is truly an honor for the entire nation to hear the Philippine National Anthem being played at Olympics for the first time in nearly a hundred years, and this great honor was brought to the country by Sergeant Hidilyn Francisco Diaz;

WHEREAS, a National Athletic Hero is a Filipino athlete of national prominence who proudly represents the Philippines in international athletic events, achieves an exemplary performance and obtains the highest award in his/her field of expertise, bringing great pride and honor to the country and to every Filipino;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives congratulates and lauds Hidilyn Francisco Diaz and declares her as a **NATIONAL ATHLETIC HERO** for bringing unprecedented pride and honor to the country by winning the first ever Olympic Gold Medal for the country, and for setting an Olympic Record for the women's weightlifting 55-kg division.

Adopted,



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