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Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez

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A RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MINDANAONON HIDILYN DIAZ FOR GETTING THE PHILIPPINES' FIRST OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL IN WOMEN'S WEIGHTLIFTING AT THE 2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS BRINGING PRIDE AND JOY TO THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, Hidilyn Francisco Diaz, born in Zamboanga City, became the first Filipino to capture a gold medal in the Olympics since the country first joined in 1924;

WHEREAS, she began training only with makeshift barbells made from plastic pipes with cast concrete weights at either end;

WHEREAS, she joined her first-ever competition in weightlifting in the 2002 Batang Pinoy games in Puerto Princesa where she won the gold medal;

WHEREAS, in 2007, she joined her first Southeast Asian games where she won the bronze medal;

WHEREAS, in 2008, she participated in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing as a wild card entry, where she placed 11th out of 12 participants;

WHEREAS, this defeat would not lessen the resolve and dedication of Hidilyn Diaz as she trained harder and continued to compete;

WHEREAS, in the 2011 and 2013 Southeast Asian Games, she won the silver medal and she won gold in the Asian Weightlifting Championship in 2015;

WHEREAS, in the 2012 London Olympics, Diaz, unfortunately, ended with a "did not finish" as she struggled with 3 unsuccessful attempts;
WHEREAS, despite this, Diaz showed the world what she is capable of by winning the silver medal in the 2016 Rio Olympics, giving the Philippines its first medal in 20 years and the first non-boxing medal since 1936;

WHEREAS, the medals continued to come for Diaz as she got the gold medal in the 2018 Asian Games, a bronze medal in the 2019 World Championship, a silver in the 2019 Asian Championship, and the gold in the 2019 Southeast Asian Games;

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2021, Diaz won the Philippines' first Olympic gold medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and set an Olympic record 127kg in the clean and jerk and another Olympic record of a total of 224kg;

WHEREAS, her victory was even more impressive given that she has been away from home and was stranded in Malaysia since February 2020 due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, where she had to improvise and train using make shift equipment because of the travel restrictions and closure of gyms;

WHEREAS, Hidilyn Diaz is a true inspiration to many Filipinos and she has definitely shown that Filipinos can compete with the best of the world and excel at the highest level.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulates and commends Mindanaonon Hidilyn Diaz for getting the Philippines' first Olympic gold medal by winning the 55kg category in women's weightlifting at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics bringing pride and joy to the Philippines.

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