A RESOLUTION
COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING NESTHY ALCAYDE PETECIO FOR BEING THE FIRST FILIPINA BOXER TO SECURE A SILVER MEDAL IN THE OLYMPICS, AND FOR BRINGING PRIDE, HONOR, AND INSPIRATION TO THE COUNTRY AND TO FILIPINAS ACROSS THE GLOBE

WHEREAS, on 3 August 2021, Nesthy Alcayde Petecio won a historic victory in the Women’s Featherweight Boxing, bringing home the country’s first ever first silver medal in this category at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics;

WHEREAS, while we celebrate her victory as our own, we also recognize that Petecio’s victory was hard won against near-impossible odds and is an inspiration to anyone who has the audacity to hope and dream big dreams;

WHEREAS, her victory was won against an admirable opponent, Japanese Sena Irie, whom Petecio has faced three times on the international stage prior to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics;

WHEREAS, the Davaoeño pride was born to a poor family, raised by a farmer and a housewife. Growing up, Petecio collected chicken droppings which were sold as fertilizer;

WHEREAS, at the age of seven, Petecio started joining inter-barangay fights that assured her family of meals, whether she won or not. After winning a competition against a bigger and stronger male opponent when she was eleven, she dreamed of being a boxer as a path out of poverty;

WHEREAS, after a she failed to qualify in the 2016 Olympics and lost at the 2018 Asian Games, Petecio was at the cusp of giving up;

WHEREAS, her unbreakable spirit led her to this historical victory, where she finally broke the country’s 15-year drought in Olympic boxing, following Mansueto "Onyok" Velasco’s silver medal won at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

WHEREAS, this is not the first time that Petecio has made Filipinos proud, as she also won the country a gold medal in the 2019 Amateur International Boxing Association Women’s Boxing Championship;

WHEREAS, Petecio is currently placed at 2nd at the Women’s 57 kilograms category at the Amateur International Boxing Association;
WHEREAS, Petecio is not only a living testament of how a humble prizefighter can persevere and succeed in the greatest sporting stage in the world, but also of the mettle, strength, and power of Filipinas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to commend and congratulate Nesthy Alcayde Petecio for being the first Filipina boxer to secure a silver medal in the Olympics, and for bringing pride, honor, and inspiration to the country and to Filipinas across the globe;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Nesthy Alcayde Petecio and her family.

ADOPTED.

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