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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2095

Introduced by Representative Manuel Luis T. Lopez

A RESOLUTION
COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING CARLO PAALAM FOR HIS VICTORY IN THE MEN’S FLYWEIGHT DIVISION AT THE 2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS, AND FOR BRINGING PRIDE, HONOR, AND INSPIRATION TO THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, today, 7 August 2021, Carlo Paalam won a silver medal in the Men’s Flyweight Division in Tokyo, Japan, concluding the country’s most decorated and celebrated Olympic run yet;

WHEREAS, the 23-year old boxer had millions of Filipinos cheering him on in his Olympic debut, where he quickly proved his boxing power, speed, and wit when he pulled mighty upsets against Olympic champion Shakhobidin Zoirov and hometown bet Ryomei Tanaka;

WHEREAS, in his final match against Great Britain’s Galal Yafai, Paalam exhibited tremendous resolve as he finished strong and connected several blows even after a knockdown on the first round;

WHEREAS, as he clinched his first Olympic victory, an emotional and grateful Paalam claimed that his medal—made from discarded gadgets—is a symbol for his life and journey thus far;

WHEREAS, the Cagayan de Oro pride recalled that he was once a scavenger. He lived a difficult life as a young boy, having to pick up garbage with his father to make ends meet;

WHEREAS, today, as he proudly wears his Olympic medal, he is grateful that this silver, which was once trash, can bring inspiration and hope to millions of athletes across the globe who feel knocked down;

WHEREAS, the country not only teems with pride and honor for Paalam’s victory, it is also looking forward to support and assist him as he continues in his early yet impressive athletic career;

WHEREAS, Paalam now joins the country’s proud list of world-class athletes and fellow Mindanaoans – Zamboangueños Hidilyn Diaz and Eumir Felix de los Santos Marcial, and Davaoeño Nesthy Petecio;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to commend and congratulate Carlo Paalam for his victory in the Men’s Flyweight Division at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, and for bringing pride, honor, and inspiration to the country;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Carlo Paalam and his family.

ADOPTED.

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