A RESOLUTION
COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING CARLO PAALAM FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE MEN’S BOXING’S FLYWEIGHT EVENT AT THE 2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS, BRINGING HOME THE PHILIPPINE’S ANOTHER SILVER MEDAL IN MEN’S BOXING AT THE OLYMPICS IN 25 YEARS

WHEREAS, Filipino amateur boxer Carlo Paalam, who came into the quadrennial meet clearly as an underdog, captured the silver medal in the flyweight event of the men’s boxing competitions at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics in a stunning fashion;

WHEREAS, the Filipino boxer overcame two-time Olympians Brendan Irvine of Ireland and Mohamed Flissi of Algeria in his first two rounds, both veteran boxers who have competed in the 2012 and 2016 Olympics, and moved on to pull off the greatest upset of the division as he defeated 2016 Rio Olympics gold medalist and world champion Shakhobidin Zoirov of Uzbekistan for a berth in the medal round;

WHEREAS, the Cagayan de Oro native inspired many Filipinos with his humble beginnings, starting out as a former garbage picker to help out his family, expressing his sentiment that the medal, being once a scavenger, is made from trash and discarded gadgets, and that’s where the inspiration to get the medal came from;
WHEREAS, previously, Paalam won silver at the 2016 World Youth Championship in St. Petersburg, Russia, and gold medals at the 2017 President’s Cup in Astana, Kazakhstan, at the 1st Thailand International Boxing Tournament, and also in the 10th AIBA International Boxing Tournament in 2018 and at the 30th Southeast Asian Games;

WHEREAS, Paalam, the youngest in the Philippine boxing team at 23 years old, propelled the Philippines in the Tokyo Olympics medal tally, together with weightlifter Hidilyn Diaz – who won the Philippines’ first Olympic gold medal – with Nesthy Petecio with a silver medal in women’s boxing, and boxing’s men’s middleweight bronze medalist Eumir Marcial, producing the Philippine’s best ever medal finish in any Olympics edition;

WHEREAS, his road to and success in the Olympics is an inspirational story filled with perseverance, sacrifice and hard work worthy of emulation by future amateur athletes seeking to bring honor and pride to the country and to the Filipino people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives commends and congratulates Carlo Paalam for winning the silver medal in the men’s boxing’s flyweight event at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, bringing home the Philippine’s another silver medal in men’s boxing at the Olympics in 25 years.

Adopted.

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