A RESOLUTION
COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING EUMIR MARCIAL FOR WINNING THE BRONZE IN THE MEN’S BOXING’S MIDDLEWEIGHT EVENT AT THE 2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE PHILIPPINES’ BEST MEDAL FINISH IN THE OLYMPICS

WHEREAS, Filipino boxer Eumir Marcial, who turned professional in 2020, snatched the bronze medal in the men’s boxing’s middleweight event at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics in an enthralling and closely contested semi-final bout narrowly losing via a split decision;

WHEREAS, Marcial, who hails from Zamboanga City, comes from a boxing family and training with his father as early as seven years old, entered the medal rounds with stunning victories against his opponents via first round knockouts;

WHEREAS, his achievements include being the first Filipino boxer to win a gold medal at the world junior championships in the light bantamweight category at the 2011 edition in Astana, Kazakhstan, bagging a silver medal at the 2019 World Championships and a gold medal in the 2019 Southeast Asian Games;
WHEREAS, Marcial secured a spot for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo by winning his middleweight category quarterfinal bout at the 2020 Asia and Oceania Olympic qualification tournament in Amman, Jordan;

WHEREAS, in October 2020 his oldest brother passed away, but instead of despairing with the loss, he was further motivated to go ahead and aim to win at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo in the hope that he would be able to use his boxing career to help support the family his brother left behind, demonstrating the strength of his character and generosity;

WHEREAS, Marcial, the male flag bearer of the Philippines during the opening ceremony of the Games, helped 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 flyweight silver medalist Carlo Paalam, 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 Eumir Marcial for winning the bronze in the men’s boxing’s middleweight event at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and contributing to the Philippines’ best medal finish in the Olympics.

Adopted.

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