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RESOLUTION

**CONGRATULATING SEN. MANNY 'PACMAN' PACQUIAO FOR
WINNING THE WBA WELTHERWEIGHT CROWN OVER
ARGENTINIAN LUCAS MATTHYSSE VIA TECHNICAL KNOCKOUT IN
THE SEVENTH ROUND**

Introduced by Representative Alfred Vargas

WHEREAS, 'Pambansang Kamao' Sen. Manny 'Pacman' Pacquiao fought for the 69th time in his professional boxing career, facing Argentinian champion and well-known knockout artist Lucas Matthyse in a match held last 15 July 2018 at the Axiata Arena, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia;

WHEREAS, the 39- year old native of General Santos City, considered by many as a modern day hero of our country, displayed his classic and deadly forms by battering his Argentinian opponent right at the start of Round 1 of their fight;

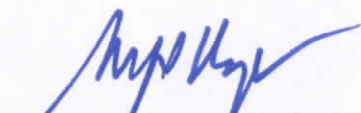
WHEREAS, the Mindanaoan legislator showed his world-renowned speed and power in front of the predominantly Filipino crowd which also included President Rodrigo Roa Duterte and the Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad who watched from the ringside of the said Arena;

WHEREAS, the much younger Matthyse was knocked down several times after receiving punches from Pacquiao, particularly in rounds 3, 5, and finally in round 7 where the Argentinian champ was hit by a left uppercut that forced referee Kenny Bayless to wave him off at the 2:43 mark of the said round;

WHEREAS, the victory, his 11th world title across eight weight divisions, was dedicated for the "honor of our country" according to Sen. Pacquiao;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives congratulate Sen. Manny 'Pacman' Pacquiao for winning the WBA Welterweight crown over Argentinian champion Lucas Matthyse via technical knockout in the seventh round.

Adopted.


ALFRED VARGAS