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**SENATE**

**P. S. RES. NO. 494**

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**Introduced by Senator JOEL VILLANUEVA**

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**RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING EUMIR FELIX MARCIAL FOR HIS FOURTH STRAIGHT PROFESSIONAL BOXING VICTORY AFTER CONQUERING A MIDDLEWEIGHT MATCH IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, USA**

**WHEREAS**, on 11 February 2023, Tokyo Summer Olympics bronze medalist Eumir Felix Marcial won against Argentinian Ricardo Ruben Villalba in an eight-round middleweight bout at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas, USA;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the 27-year-old Olympic boxer (4-0, 2 KOs) from Lunzuran, Zamboanga City stays unbeaten in his professional boxing career as he achieved his second knockout in the professional ranks after stopping the more experienced Villalba (20-8-1, 8 KOs) just 48 seconds into the second round;<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, this is Marcial's fourth straight victory after coming off a unanimous decision win over American Steven Pichardo in October 2022, in a match where Marcial had to overcome an unintentional headbutt cut above his right eye;<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Rappler. Eumir Marcial stops Argentine boxer Villalba in Texas for 4<sup>th</sup> straight win. 12 February 2023. Available at <https://www.rappler.com/sports/boxing/fight-results-eumir-marcial-ricardo-ruben-villalba-february-11-2023/>. Accessed on 21 February 2023.

<sup>2</sup> Inquirer. Eumir Marcial stays undefeated, stops Argentine foe. 12 February 2023. Available at <https://sports.inquirer.net/496809/eumir-marcial-stays-undefeated-stops-argentine-foe>. Accessed on 21 February 2023.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.


**WHEREAS**, Marcial was conferred the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence on 01 September 2021 for winning the bronze medal in the men's middleweight boxing division at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. He has brought home several other victories for the country since 2011, including the gold medal in the Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur (AIBA) Junior World Championships (2011), the gold medal at the Southeast Asian Games (2015), a bronze medal at the Asian Games (2018), and a silver medal at the AIBA World Championships (2019), among others;<sup>4</sup>

**WHEREAS**, he has fought for the Philippines not just in the ring but also as a member of the Philippine Air Force (PAF) since 2013 with a rank of Sergeant, and as an organic personnel of the PAF's Civil Military Operations Group;<sup>5</sup>

**WHEREAS**, Marcial's victory has once again proven to the world the exceptional skills and talent of the Filipino athlete. His impressive performance has brought pride and inspiration to the Filipino people, and thus merits honor and recognition;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE**, as it is hereby resolved, to congratulate and commend Eumir Felix Marcial for his fourth straight professional boxing victory after conquering a middleweight match in San Antonio, Texas, USA.

*Adopted,*

  
JOEL VILLANUEVA

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<sup>4</sup> Adopted Senate Resolution No. 118, 18<sup>th</sup> Congress, *Conferring the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence to 2020 Tokyo Olympics Bronze Medalist Eumir Marcial*. Available at [http://legacy.senate.gov.ph/18th\\_congress/resolutions/resno118.pdf](http://legacy.senate.gov.ph/18th_congress/resolutions/resno118.pdf). Accessed on 21 February 2023.

<sup>5</sup> Philippine News Agency. PAF hails Eumir Marcial for 3<sup>rd</sup> professional boxing win. 10 October 2022. Available at <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1185722>. Accessed on 21 February 2023.