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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

## RESOLUTION

CONFERRING THE PHILIPPINE SENATE MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE TO AIRA VILLEGAS FOR WINNING AN OLYMPIC BRONZE MEDAL IN THE PARIS 2024 OLYMPICS

**WHEREAS,** the Senate of the Philippines has consistently recognized and commended Filipinos who have excelled in their field of expertise and served as a symbol of hope to the Filipino nation;

**WHEREAS,** Resolution No. 110 provides that the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence be conferred upon Filipinos who are awarded an Olympic medal;

**WHEREAS,** on August 07, 2024, Aira Villegas won bronze in the boxing women's 50kg at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games to give the Philippines another Olympic medal;

**WHEREAS**, the Olympic bronze medalist was born on August 1,1995 in Tacloban City. She was inspired by her older brother, Rominick Villegas, to pursue the sport of boxing when she was nine years old;

**WHEREAS,** Aira Villegas came from humble beginnings and her family was among the hundreds of Filipinos affected by the Super Typhoon Yolanda. However, these challenges did not stop her from pursuing her passion for boxing. The sport became her passport to continue her education and help provide for her family;

**WHEREAS,** her bronze medal winning performance in the Paris 2024 Olympics serves as a shining example of how passion and resilience can overcome challenges and set new standards of excellence in sports;

**WHEREAS,** Aira Villegas' achievements are a testament to her tireless work ethic, resilience and unwavering commitment to excellence. She embodies the spirit of a true Filipina champion.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Senate of the Philippines confers the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence to Aira Villegas for winning an Olympic bronze medal in the Paris 2024 Olympics.

Adopted,

Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay