

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Batasang Pambansa, Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3699

INTRODUCED BY REP. JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Emmanuel "Manny" D. Pacquiao symbolizes the Filipino dream. He came from a humble beginning in a poverty-stricken area of General Santos City, in South Cotabato, scrounging daily for food for his family. At young age, he quit school so he could contribute a living for his family. He saw boxing as his ticket out of the slums and the way out to poverty.

His passion to fight, unequaled determination, perseverance, hard work and self-imposed discipline made him a champion. In every fight thereon, he was not only fighting for himself but fighting for his country and people. He fights for the glory of the colors of our flag and for the pride of the Filipino race. There is no doubt that he will fight and die for his beloved country and people.

He is not only a mere champion of his class. He is also a moving force of unity and oneness for all Filipinos. Indeed, in all his fights, the Filipinos stood as one nation, cheered under one flag and celebrated with pride and honor being a Filipino.

Emmanuel "Manny" Dapidran Pacquiao has contributed so much honor, prestige and glory to our beloved country and elevated the Filipino into the global map of greatness. As a boxer, he is the first boxer in history to win the lineal championship in four different weight classes and went on to win ten world titles in eight different weight divisions. He is indeed great, a legend and a hero in the world of sports of boxing.

He already received numerous citations including the Order of Lakandula in 2006 with a rank of Champion for Life and the Order of Sikatuna with a rank of Datu (Grand Cross with Gold Distinction) which he received in 2009. Worldwide he has been distinguished as the No.1 Pound-for-Pound boxer, the Best Knock-out of the Year, Boxer of the Year, Fighter of the Year, Fighter of the Decade and among others. His

ascension to greatness brings with him the blood of a Filipino and our country the Philippines.

Emmanuel "Manny" Pacquiao is a true inspiration to all Filipinos especially the youth. His immense contribution to the glory of this nation cannot be undermined. The country owes so much to Emmanuel Pacquiao.

Hence, it is much fitting that the Filipinos should immortalize his great contributions to the country and to Filipinos as well. It is only right to pay homage to this great and legendary boxer by constructing a statue as a symbol of glory, pride and honor of every Filipino in the world of sports of boxing.

The statue shall be constructed within the vicinity of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, City of Parañaque, Philippines in order to show to the visiting foreigners and Filipinos as well that the greatest boxer that the world has produced comes from the Philippines and is a Filipino.

In light of the forgoing, passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATUE FOR FILIPINO BOXER
EMMANUEL "MANNY" DAPIDRAN PACQUIAO TO
SYMBOLIZE HIS GREATNESS AND GREAT CONTRIBUTION
TO THE FILIPINO NATION AND PEOPLE, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the
Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There shall be a statue to be established in honor of Filipino boxer Emmanuel "Manny" Dapidran Pacquiao as recognition to his immense and invaluable contribution to the Filipino nation and country.

SEC. 2. A statue shall be established at the center island of Airport Road – Domestic Airport Road Junction near Manila Domestic Airport, City of Parañaque, Philippines.

SEC. 3. The National Historical Institute (NHI) shall undertake the construction, supervision and maintenance of the said statue. The statue will form part of the historical landmarks of the country.

SEC. 4. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspaper of General Circulation.

Approved,