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**RESOLUTION**

**COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING RACHEL MARCIAL-DONAIRE FOR BEING THE FIRST WOMAN AND FILIPINA TO RECEIVE THE HONORARY WORLD BOXING COUNCIL (WBC) TRAINER'S BELT**

1           **WHEREAS**, coaches and trainers play an important role in sports development,  
2 aside from developing analytical thinking, strategic thinking, expanding their motor skills  
3 while establishing a mind and body connection,<sup>1</sup> they help athletes achieve their goals by  
4 doing personalized, one-on-one training, as well as improving confidence, inspiring and  
5 motivating them to reach beyond the bounds of what they thought was possible;

6           **WHEREAS**, professional boxers have multiple coaches specializing in different  
7 expertise, such as strength and conditioning, food and nutrition, development of training  
8 programs, and designing skill drills, which are important in the holistic development of  
9 boxers and the improvement of their abilities and skills;<sup>2</sup>

10           **WHEREAS**, the WBC recognizes the contributions of these boxing coaches and  
11 trainers, by giving them notable awards of honor for their valuable work alongside legendary  
12 boxing champions,<sup>3</sup> such as the trainer belt for coaches whose efforts aided fighters to win  
13 the green title strap;<sup>4</sup>

14           **WHEREAS**, the woman behind the defensive strategies of renowned Filipino boxer  
15 Nonito "the Filipino Flash" Donaire, Jr., is his wife, head trainer, and boxing coach-manager,  
16 Rachel Marcial-Donaire, who has led his preparations for boxing matches, consisting of  
17 studying the opponent, physical training, and adopting the proper mental health and  
18 mindset;<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ghildiyal, R. (2015). Role of Sports in the Development of an Individual and Role of Psychology in Sports. *US National Library of Medicine National Institutes of Health*. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4381313/>

<sup>2</sup> Walker, D. (2019, February 14). What Makes a Good Boxing Trainer?. *World Boxing Council*. <https://www.wbcme.co.uk/ringside/what-makes-a-good-boxing-trainer/>

<sup>3</sup> Sulamain, M. (n.d.). The 12th Round: New WBC Trainer's Belts + Complete Division-By-Division Updates. *Fightnews*. <https://fightnews.com/12th-round-trainers-honored-divisional-updates/19956>

<sup>4</sup> Walker, D. (2018, September 13). WBC belt history. *World Boxing Council*. <https://www.wbcme.co.uk/ringside/wbc-belt-history/>

<sup>5</sup> Pamintuan, C. (2021, June 8). Nonito Donaire's wife Rachel takes on new role as chief trainer. *ESPN*. [https://tv5.espn.com/boxing/story/\\_/id/31587709/wife-rachel](https://tv5.espn.com/boxing/story/_/id/31587709/wife-rachel)

1           **WHEREAS**, Rachel Donaire became the first ever woman and Filipina to receive the  
2 WBC trainer belt in recognition of her efforts as Nonito Donaire's coach and head trainer;<sup>6</sup>

3           **WHEREAS**, following his victory last 29 May 2021 for the WBC World Bantamweight  
4 Title against French boxer, Nordine Oubaali in Carson, California,<sup>7</sup> Nonito Donaire paid  
5 tribute to his wife and trainer, Rachel Donaire<sup>8</sup> emphasizing her vital role in his victorious  
6 boxing match, whom he described as "the voice in the corner," being the only one he could  
7 hear during the night of the championship;<sup>9</sup>

8           **WHEREAS**, Nonito Donaire's recent win made him a four-division conqueror and a  
9 three-time bantamweight champion, which also placed Rachel Donaire in an unprecedented  
10 position as she became the first ever woman head trainer to coach a world champion;<sup>10</sup>

11           **WHEREAS**, Rachel Donaire also excelled in her own sport as she landed a spot in  
12 the US Taekwondo National Team, Philippine Taekwondo National Team, and the USA  
13 Taekwondo National Collegiate Team, and eventually became a military taekwondo  
14 champion in 2002 after joining the US Air Force;<sup>11</sup>

15           **WHEREAS**, as a firm advocate of women's rights, Rachel Donaire has also been  
16 supporting organizations focused on helping battered women and children;<sup>12</sup>

17           **WHEREAS**, Rachel Donaire is a leading example of a strong Filipina, as she inspires  
18 fellow women by her ability to efficiently juggle her roles as a mother, wife, manager,  
19 strength and conditioning coach, and now as Nonito Donaire's head coach;<sup>13</sup>

20           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Senate of the Philippines to  
21 commend and congratulate Rachel Marcial-Donaire for being the first woman and Filipina  
22 to receive the honorary WBC Trainer's Belt.

*Adopted,*

  
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<sup>6</sup> ABS-CBN News (2021, June 3). Donaire: Let's stop Asian hate, any kind of hate. <https://news.abs-cbn.com/sports/06/03/21/donaire-lets-stop-asian-hate-any-kind-of-hate>

<sup>7</sup> Lozada, B. (2021, June 3). Donaire pays tribute to wife and head trainer Rachel after historic win. *Inquirer*. <https://sports.inquirer.net/424861/donaire-pays-tribute-to-wife-and-head-trainer-rachel-after-historic-win>

<sup>8</sup> ABS-CBN News (2021, June 3). Donaire: Let's stop Asian hate, any kind of hate. <https://news.abs-cbn.com/sports/06/03/21/donaire-lets-stop-asian-hate-any-kind-of-hate>

<sup>9</sup> Lozada, B. (2021, June 3). Donaire pays tribute to wife and head trainer Rachel after historic win. *Inquirer*. <https://sports.inquirer.net/424861/donaire-pays-tribute-to-wife-and-head-trainer-rachel-after-historic-win>

<sup>10</sup> Rogers, P. (2021, June 18). Rachel Donaire: Trailblazer. *Boxing Social*. <https://boxing-social.com/features/rachel-donaire-trailblazer/>

<sup>11</sup> Rogers, P. (2021, June 18) Rachel Donaire: Trailblazer. *Boxing Social*. <https://boxing-social.com/features/rachel-donaire-trailblazer/>

<sup>12</sup> Pangilinan, R. (n.d.). Rachel Donaire's new achievement. *ET Online Sports Manila*. <http://sportsmanila.net/etonline/index.php/lifestyle/1006-rachel-donaire-s-new-achievement>

<sup>13</sup> Pamintuan, C. (2021, June 8). Nonito Donaire's wife Rachel takes on new role as chief trainer. *ESPN*. [https://tv5.espn.com/boxing/story/\\_/id/31587709/wife-rachel](https://tv5.espn.com/boxing/story/_/id/31587709/wife-rachel)