

Fil-Am MMA fighter Munoz seeks redemption

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 the weight class for me," he said. "You want to put yourself in an equal playing field. In the 185-pound weight class, the opponents have my size, height and weight."
 "But I'll fight wherever they [the UFC and his managers] want me to fight."
 Munoz, a former NCAA wrestling champion, has never fought in the 185-pound weight class. Shedding all that weight concerns some people since Munoz might also be draining his

strength.
 He said he feels strong.
 "I've been training hard. As far as conditioning and everything I'm in shape. I have abs for the first time," he said. "I didn't know I could look like this. I'm looking like Manny Pacquiao."
 Looking back at his loss against Hamill, as embarrassing as it may have been, Munoz is glad that he lost.
 "I actually cherished it. I've learned so much about myself. It's opened up so many doors." ■

Leonidas places fourth in WPT

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LOS ANGELES – A Filipino poker player earned more than \$144,000 after placing fourth in the World Poker Tour "Legends of Poker" tournament event at the Bicycle Casino on August 27.
 Alfredo "Toto" Leonidas went all in for 1.39 million chips against chip leader and eventual tournament winner Prahlad Friedman and lost. Leonidas had the ace and nine of clubs against Friedman's ace of spades and king of diamonds. Leonidas was hoping for a flush but the cards were not in his favor. Friedman paired his king on the flop and paired a two on the board.
 The 48-year-old Leonidas was eliminated and placed fourth. He earned \$144,600. Friedman won the tournament, earning \$1.09 million. ■



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STATEMENT FROM ACFV

Teddy, the lion in the US Senate

ON behalf of 4,000 members of our national advocacy organization, we mourn the loss of our long-time champion Sen. Edward "Ted" Kennedy, the lion of the United States Senate. We will miss his Irish eloquence and untiring friendship.

We extend our deepest sympathies to his widow Vicky and his children.

To add to his long list of legislative achievements, we will humbly remember Sen. Kennedy's leadership in the passage of the 1990 Immigration and Naturalization Act (INA) restoring the Filipino WWII veteran's right to become an American citizen. More than 28,000 veterans and their spouses have enjoyed this privilege.

In 2003, Sen. Kennedy helped pass the Filipino Veterans Health Care Act providing US based Filipino veterans recognition and medical care at VA hospitals, clinics and nursing homes.

In 2007, as the ranking member of the Judiciary Committee, the Senator co-sponsored the Filipino Veterans Family Reunification bill of Sen. Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii) that passed the full Senate. More than 20,000 adult children of Filipino American veterans would have received immediate priority visas. Unfortunately, the final version in the Comprehensive Immigration bill was defeated.

Recently on February 16, 2009 despite his debilitating illness, Sen. Kennedy helped Senators Inouye and Akaka pass the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation law that finally recognized the US military service of Filipino soldiers in World War II.

Our veterans and their families are eternally grateful.

We are pleased that Ted will finally rest beside his two brothers, John and Robert Kennedy, in the hallowed grounds of the Arlington National Cemetery. Their dreams are alive in our hearts.

Our leaders will pay our final farewell to Sen. Ted Kennedy at Arlington Cemetery on Saturday. ■



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