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RESOLUTION NO. 53

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE
PHILIPPINE DRAGON BOAT TEAM FOR
WINNING AND SETTING NEW WORLD
RECORDS IN THE INTERNATIONAL DRAGON
BOAT FEDERATION (IDBF) 10TH WORLD
DRAGON BOAT RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN
TAMPA BAY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) held the 10th World Dragon Boat Racing Championships from August 3 to 7, 2011, at Seddon Channel in Tampa Bay, Florida, USA, which was participated in by two thousand (2,000) athletes representing eighteen (18) countries;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Dragon Boat Team, also known as the "Dragon Warriors" composed of men and women from the Philippine Army, Philippine Navy, Philippine Coast Guard and the Philippine Air Force, joined the biennial event without

help from the government, solely depending on the support from corporate sponsors for their plane fare and uniforms and contributions from IDBF officials and the Filipino community in the USA for their food and lodging;

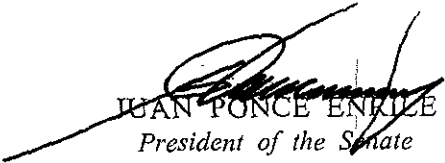
WHEREAS, due to limited resources, the Philippine Dragon Boat Team only managed to assemble a 25-person crew for the event, limiting its participation in the small boat competitions consisting of 10 pairs plus the drummer and steerer, thus, disallowing them from competing in the standard events which use 24 pairs plus a drummer and steerer;

WHEREAS, living up to their name as Dragon Warriors, they dominated the World Dragon Boat Racing Championships by hauling five (5) gold medals in the Premier 1,000-meter men's event (small boat) where they set a new world record of 4:57.13, Premier Open 200-meter men's event, 500-meter Premier men's event, 200-meter Premier Mixed event where they likewise registered a new world record of 57.07 seconds, 500-meter Premier Mixed event; and two (2) silver medals in the Premier All-Comers Mixed 200-meter event and the Premier All-Comers Open 200-meter event;


WHEREAS, the Philippine Dragon Boat Team deserves to be commended for their exceptional performance, and the honor and recognition they brought to the country, amidst hardship and obstacles in pursuing their objectives: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To congratulate, as it hereby congratulates, the members of the Philippine Dragon Boat Team for winning and setting new world records in the International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) 10th World Dragon Boat Racing Championships in Tampa Bay, Florida.

Adopted,


 JUAN PONCE ENRILE
 President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 10, 2011.


EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate

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