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RESOLUTION No. 116

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND
COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC
COMMITTEE ON LEADING THE PHILIPPINE
DELEGATION TO A HISTORIC HAUL OF FOUR
MEDALS IN THE 2020 SUMMER OLYMPICS
HELD IN TOKYO, JAPAN, FROM 23 JULY 2021
TO 8 AUGUST 2021

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 19 of the 1987
Philippine Constitution mandates the State to encourage
sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports,
including training for international competitions to foster
self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development
of a healthy and alert citizenry;

WHEREAS, in pursuit of the above mandate, the Philippines has been actively participating in the Olympics since 1924, giving due attention to the field of sports as a necessary component of full health of the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, the Olympic Games held both in the summer and winter, is a celebrated quadrennial international multi-sport event with the ultimate purpose of cultivating people and world peace through sports;

WHEREAS, created in 1911 and recognized in 1929 by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the Philippines' National Olympic Committee, the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), presently led by Chairman Steve Hontiveros and President Abraham "Bambol" Tolentino, is a private non-governmental organization composed of all the National Sports Associations of the Philippines, and is authorized by the IOC to represent the Philippines in the Olympics and in other international multi-event competitions;

WHEREAS, the support, programs, and initiatives of the POC were instrumental in training and preparing our Filipino athletes for the 2020 Summer Olympic Games held in Tokyo, Japan, from 23 July to 8 August 2021;

WHEREAS, though faced with the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the POC persevered to provide the needs of our nineteen (19) Olympic qualifiers, in terms of their training and international campaigns, helping them become the strongest and most prepared Philippine Olympic delegation yet;

WHEREAS, with the guidance and support of the POC and the appointed *chef de mission* Mariano Araneta Jr., the Philippine delegation to the 2020 Summer Olympic Games made history by bringing home one (1) gold, two (2) silvers, and one (1) bronze medals, a total of four (4) medals, a multi-medal feat that has never before been achieved since the Philippines began competing in the Olympics in 1924;

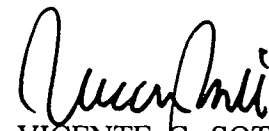
WHEREAS, Ms. Hidilyn Diaz bagged the country's first ever Olympic gold, emerging victorious at the women's 55-kilogram weightlifting event, while the rest of our medalists impressed at the boxing events, with Ms. Nesthy Petecio clinching silver, Mr. Eumir Marcial clinching bronze, and Mr. Carlo Paalam clinching silver at the women's featherweight, men's middleweight, and men's flyweight divisions respectively, with Nesthy being the first Filipina to bring home an Olympic medal in boxing;

WHEREAS, since the Philippines' first appearance in the Olympics in 1924, it is only now in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics under the guidance and leadership of Honorable Abraham "Bambol" Tolentino, Representative of the 8th District of the Province of Cavite, that our athletes were able to bring home our first Olympic gold medal together with two silver medals and one bronze medal, thus becoming the most successful Philippine delegation in the history of the Olympic games;

WHEREAS, the POC deserves commendation for their hand in nurturing our home-grown athletes and paving the way for the Philippine delegation's historic triumph in the 2020 Summer Olympic Games: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved, To congratulate and commend the Philippine Olympic Committee on leading the Philippine delegation to a historic haul of four medals in the 2020 Summer Olympics held in Tokyo, Japan, from 23 July 2021 to 8 August 2021.

Adopted,



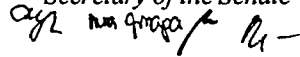
VICENTE E. SOTTO III
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on
September 1, 2021.



MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA

Secretary of the Senate



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