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## **RESOLUTION NO. 64**

## RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE ENTIRE PHILIPPINE TEAM, AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION AND THE PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, FOR AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE DURING THE 32<sup>ND</sup> SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES HELD IN PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA ON MAY 5-17, 2023

WHEREAS, the Senate has frequently honored outstanding Filipino athletes and their coaches for their internationally recognized achievements, which have brought pride and glory to the nation; WHEREAS, the Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games), a more than six-decade old biennial multi-sports competition among 11 countries in the Southeast Asian region, held its  $32^{nd}$  edition in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from May 5 to 17, 2023 wherein a total of 6,210 athletes participated in 580 events in 36 sports;

WHEREAS, the Philippines participated in the 32<sup>nd</sup> SEA Games, sending a delegation of 840 athletes and 257 officials and coaching staff;

WHEREAS, showcasing exemplary talent and skills throughout the competition, the Philippine Team finished fifth  $(5^{\text{th}})$  overall with 58 gold medals, 85 silver medals, and 117 bronze medals for a total medal haul of 260;

WHEREAS, the gold medals were collected from the following sports: Arnis (6); Athletics (4); Basketball (1); Boxing (4); Endurance Race (3); E-sports (2); Gymnastics (4); Judo (1); Jiu jitsu (3); Karate (2); Kickboxing (3); Kun Bokator (2); Obstacle Race (4); Soft Tennis (3); Swimming (2); Taekwondo (6); Tennis (1); Weightlifting (2); Wrestling (4); and Wushu (1);

WHEREAS, the silver medals were garnered from the following events: Arnis (2); Athletics (10); Basketball (3); Boxing (5); Cricket (2); Cycling (1); Endurance Race (2); E-sports (1); Fencing (4); Floorball (1); Gymnastics (2); Judo (1); Jiu jitsu (1); Karate (6); Kickboxing (4); Kun Bokator (6); Kun Khmer (1); Obstacle Race (2); Ouk Chaktrang (2); Pencak Silat (2); Sailing (2); Sepak Takraw (2); Soft Tennis (1); Swimming (6); Taekwondo (1); Vovinam (2); Weightlifting (4); Wrestling (7); and Wushu (1);

WHEREAS, the bronze medals came from the following disciplines: Arnis (4); Athletics (8); Badminton (1); Billiards (2) Boxing (1); Cycling (3); Endurance Race (1); E-sports (3); Fencing (5) Floorball (1); Gymnastics (2); Jet Ski (1); Judo (5); Jiu jitsu (8); Karate (1) Kickboxing (8); Kun Bokator (8); Kun Khmer (5); Ouk Chaktrang (3); Pencak Silat (8); Petanque (1); Sailing (2); Sepak Takraw (1); Soft Tennis (1); Table Tennis (1); Swimming (8); Taekwondo (8); Volleyball (1); Vovinam (6); Weightlifting (1); Wrestling (5); and Wushu (4);

WHEREAS, this is the country's largest overseas medal haul at the SEA Games and most gold medals earned as a nonhost since the 1987 SEA Games in Indonesia;

WHEREAS, the historic and momentous accomplishment of the Philippine delegation is the product of years of hard training, personal sacrifices, dedication, and perseverance by both the athletes and their coaches, thus impressing the world with their passion, exceptional talent, and record-breaking performances in different fields of sport;

WHEREAS, among those who bested their counterparts in their respective events and shattered SEA Games and Philippine records are the following: EJ Obiena, Carlos Yulo, John Ivan Cruz, Joseph Arcilla, Agatha Chrystenzen Wong, Ma. Cristina Vergara, Eric Cray, Elreen Ando, Vanessa Sarno, Teia Salvino, Jaymark Rodelas, and Dexter Tabique;

WHEREAS, the success of Team Philippines in the  $32^{nd}$  SEA Games serves as a testament to the collective efforts and commitment of Filipino athletes, coaches, sports associations, the Philippine Sports Commission, and the Philippine Olympic Committee in promoting excellence in sports and nurturing the nation's athletic potential. It also provides inspiration and motivation to the younger athletes to strive for excellence in their chosen sports;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate finds it fitting to recognize the Filipino athletes and coaches for their exemplary achievements and to commend the Philippine Sports Commission and the Philippine Olympic Committee for their unwavering support and guidance to the entire Philippine delegation in their quest for victory in the 32<sup>nd</sup> SEA Games: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To congratulate the entire Philippine team, and commend the Philippine Sports Commission and the Philippine Olympic Committee, for an outstanding performance during the  $32^{nd}$  Southeast Asian Games held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from May 5 to 17, 2023.

Adopted,

JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 31, 2023.

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