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RESOLUTION No. 66

RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL SOFT TENNIS TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE DURING THE 32ND SOUTHEAST ASIAN (SEA) GAMES HELD IN CAMBODIA

Whereas, the Southeast Asian (SEA) Games is a biennial multi-sports competition participated by the eleven (11) countries in the Southeast Asian region, namely: the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Cambodia, Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, Brunei Darussalam, and Timor Leste:

Whereas, for the 32^{nd} iteration of the SEA Games, the Philippines ranked fifth (5th) overall with a total of 260 podium

finishes (58 gold medals, 85 silver medals, and 117 bronze medals), surpassing the 52 gold medals garnered during the 2021 SEA Games in Hanoi, Vietnam;

Whereas, among the 800 strong Filipino athletes who competed during the biennial multi-sporting event was the Philippine National Soft Tennis Team who contributed a total of five (5) medals – three (3) gold medals, one (1) silver medal, and one (1) bronze medal – in various events;

Whereas, under the Women's Division, Filipina athletes Noelle Conchita Corazon Zoleta-Mañalac and Princess Lorben Marie Catindig won the gold medal in the Soft Tennis Women's Doubles Event after beating Thailand. Meanwhile, Zoleta-Mañalac, Catindig, Virvienica Isearis Bejosano, Christy Sañosa, Fatima Ayesha Amirul, and Noelle Nikki Camille Zoleta also won gold in the Women's Team Event after a dominating performance against Indonesia. Finally, Zoleta also won the silver medal in the Women's Singles Event;

Whereas, under the Men's Division, Joseph Arcilla — despite experiencing excruciating leg spasms during the competition — was able to claim the gold medal in the Men's Singles Event against Indonesia. Arcilla, Dheo Talatayod, Mark Anthony Alcoseba, Sherwin Ray Nuguit, Adjuthor Moralde, and George Patrick Mendoza also made a podium finish after winning bronze in the Men's Team Event:

Whereas, under the capable guidance of the Philippine Soft Tennis Association, Inc. National President Cpt. Robert Joseph Moran, Chairman Emeritus Antonio Laperal Tamayo, Chairman Peter Gaisano, head coach Divina Gracia Escala, and coaches Michael John Enriquez and Josephine Paguyo, the Philippine National Soft Tennis Team was able to perform admirably against international athletes not only during this year's SEA Games but also in previous iterations as the team won one (1) silver medal and six (6) bronze medals during the 2011 SEA Games in Indonesia, and three (3) gold medals during the 2019 SEA Games in the Philippines;

Whereas, their recent performance not only showcased the prowess of our Filipino athletes but also their determination

to bring home the glory to a proud and grateful nation. More importantly, the team – as well as all of the athletes who participated in the 32^{nd} SEA Games – has surely inspired our future generations to take on this challenge of competing at a higher level: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To commend and congratulate the Philippine National Soft Tennis Team for their outstanding performance during the 32nd Southeast Asian (SEA) Games held in Cambodia.

Adopted,

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President of the Senate

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

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Secretary of the Senate