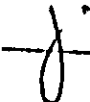


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RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING HAGEN ALEXANDER TOPACIO FOR WINNING THE COUNTRY'S FIRST EVER SILVER MEDAL AT THE 13TH ASIAN SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN KUWAIT CITY, KUWAIT LAST NOVEMBER 9, 2015 AND SETTING A NEW NATIONAL RECORD IN TRAP SHOOTING

WHEREAS, Filipino shooter Hagen Alexander Topacio won the silver medal in the 13th Asian Shooting Championship last November 9, 2015 held in Kuwait City, Kuwait—the first time a Filipino got a podium finish since 1967;

WHEREAS, over 800 athletes from 32 countries participated in the championship meet, including the best shooters in Asia and even Olympic medalists from China, Kuwait and South Korea;

WHEREAS, Topacio shot 122 of the 125 total targets during the elimination round, and fired a perfect 15 in the semifinal round. He eventually lost to South Korea's Sik Young Lee in the final round with the score of 8 against 12;

WHEREAS, while Topacio hurdled the minimum Olympic qualifying score of 112; he will not be able to compete at the 2016 Rio De Janeiro Olympics as the International Olympic Committee (IOC) revoked the qualifying status of the Asian Shooting Championship due to a discrimination incident involving the latter's refusal of an entry visa to an Israeli delegate;

WHEREAS, Topacio is one of the 12 Filipino athletes who have been awarded with scholarships by the IOC under the Olympic Solidarity Movement scholarship program. The other 11 are fellow shooter Amparo Acuna, taekwondo jins John Paul Lizardo, Kristopher Robert Uy, Christian dela Cruz and Kirstie Elaine Alora, swimmer Jasmine Alkhalidi, canoeing's Hermie Macaranas, Irish Magno and Eumir Felix Marcial, and golfers Clare Legaspi and Princess Superal;

WHEREAS, Topacio has set a new national trap shooting record of 122, surpassing Beijing Olympian Eric Ang's record of 121 when he competed in the International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup in Munich, Germany in 2008;

WHEREAS, Topacio represented the Philippines in the past two Asian Games—in Guangzhou, China in 2010 and in Incheon, South Korea in 2014. He was also part of the Philippine team that bagged the bronze medal in the 28th South East Asian Games last June 2015 in Singapore;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines recognize and commend Hagen Alexander Topacio for his invaluable contribution to Philippine sports for winning the country's first ever silver medal at the 13th Asian Shooting Championship held in Kuwait City, Kuwait last November 9, 2015, and setting a new national record in trap shooting.

Adopted.



SENATOR SONNY ANGARA