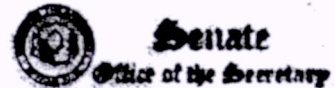


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Introduced by Senator JOEL VILLANUEVA

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**RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE  
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ARNIS TEAM AND THEIR COACHING  
STAFF FOR GRABBING FOURTEEN GOLD MEDALS, FOUR SILVER  
MEDALS, AND TWO BRONZE MEDALS AT THE 30TH SOUTHEAST  
ASIAN GAMES HELD IN ANGELES CITY, PAMPANGA**

**WHEREAS**, Arnis, the National Martial Art and Sport of the Philippines as declared in Republic Act 9850, was last featured in the Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) in 2005 and has been included as a regular sport for the 2019 SEA Games, with competitors from Cambodia, Myanmar, Vietnam and the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, the Arnis events of the SEA Games were held at the Angeles University Foundation in Angeles City, Pampanga from December 1 to 3, 2019 and were divided into live stick, padded stick, and Anyo categories for men and women, with the live stick and padded stick events further separated into weight divisions, and the Anyo events into traditional and non-traditional categories;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine National Arnis Team (PNAT) delivered strong performances against worthy competitors throughout all the categories, and managed the incredible feat of landing twenty podium finishes overall, with fourteen gold medals, four silver medals, and two bronze medals across all the categories;

**WHEREAS**, this feat of PNAT made them, by far, the most bemedaled Philippine Team in the 30<sup>th</sup> SEA Games and their fourteen gold medal haul is predicted to be more than ten percent of the total gold medal haul of the Philippines in this biennial event;

**WHEREAS**, behind the success of the PNAT is a passionate and hardworking coaching staff headed by Grandmaster Richardson C. Gialogo whose astute guidance and discipline led the team to its ultimate victory;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine National Arnis Team is composed of the following men and women who brought pride and honor to the country by collecting twenty medals for our National Martial Art and Sport and for reigniting local and international interest and appreciation for the sport through their excellent showcase at the 30th SEA Games:

**For the Live Stick Events:**

- 1) **Dexler Bolambao – Gold**  
Bantamweight (M)
- 2) **Sgt. Niño Mark Talledo – Gold**  
Featherweight (M)
- 3) **T/Sgt. Villardo Cunamay – Gold**  
Lightweight (M)
- 4) **SSG Mike C. Bañares – Gold**  
Welterweight (M)
- 5) **Jezebel Morcillo – Gold**  
Bantamweight (W)
- 6) **Jude Oliver Mae Rodriguez – Silver**  
Featherweight (W)
- 7) **Eza Rai Yalong – Bronze**  
Lightweight (W)
- 8) **Erlin Mae Busacay – Bronze**  
Welterweight (W)

**For the Padded Stick Events:**

- 9) **Jesfer Huquire – Gold**  
Bantamweight (M)
- 10) **Elmer Manlapas – Gold**  
Featherweight (M)
- 11) **Carloyd Tejada – Gold**  
Welterweight (M)
- 12) **Sheena del Monte – Gold**  
Bantamweight (W)
- 13) **Jedah Mae Soriano – Gold**  
Featherweight (W)

- 14) **Ross Ashley Monville – Gold**  
Lightweight (W)
- 15) **Abegail Abad – Gold**  
Welterweight (W)
- 16) **Billy Joel Valenzuela – Silver**  
Lightweight (M)

**For the Anyo Events:**

- 17) **Crisamuel Delfin – Gold**  
Non-Traditional Open Weapon (M)
- 18) **Mary Allin Aldeguer – Gold**  
Non-Traditional Open Weapon (W)
- 19) **Mark David Puzon – Silver**  
Traditional Open Weapon (M)
- 20) **Ryssa Jezza A. Sanchez – Silver**  
Traditional Open Weapon (W)

**The Coaching Staff:**

- 1) **Richardson C. Gialogo**  
Head Coach
- 2) **Regie Sanchez**  
Assistant Coach for Live Sticks
- 3) **P/Capt. Reneto E. Tuñacao**  
Assistant Coach for Padded Sticks
- 4) **Reignerose Esquierra**  
Assistant Coach for Anyo
- 5) **Rodolfo Jay Garcia Jr.**  
Strength and Conditioning Coach
- 6) **Aniano Lota Jr.**  
Mental and Spiritual Wellness and Discipline Coach

**WHEREAS**, the overwhelming success of the PNAT at the 30th SEA Games is an inspiring testament to the level of excellence that Filipino athletes can achieve, with proper government support;

**WHEREAS**, the PNAT will go down in history as the team that brought Arnis back to great acclaim on an international stage, fourteen years since the sport was last seen at the SEA Games;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, the Senate of the Philippines congratulates and commends the Philippine National Arnis Team and their coaching staff for grabbing fourteen gold medals, four silver medals and two bronze medals at the 30<sup>th</sup> Southeast Asian Games held in Angeles City, Pampanga.

Adopted,

  
SENATOR JOEL VILLANUEVA