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RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING SENATOR JUAN MIGUEL "MIGZ" F. ZUBIRI AND THE ENTIRE PHILIPPINE ARNIS TEAM FOR WINNING THE MOST NUMBER OF MEDALS FOR THE COUNTRY IN THE 30TH SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES

1 WHEREAS, Arnis, is a martial art indigenous to the country and was
2 encountered by the Spanish explorers as early as 1610;

3 WHEREAS, the history of Arnis dates back to Pre-hispanic period but records
4 reveal that it was formally taught to the public in the country in 1960s, including
5 school teachers in both private and public schools until it was formally adopted as a
6 national program under the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS)
7 Memorandum No. 294, Series of 1995 which launched the Arnis Development
8 Program Phase I and DECS Memorandum No. 302, Series of 1997 which continued
9 with the Phase II of the Arnis Development Program;

10 WHEREAS, the said Filipino martial art is now taught under the auspices of
11 the Department of Education (DepEd) Task Force on School Sports;

12 WHEREAS, it became part of the Palarong Pambasa as a demonstration sport
13 in 2006 and as a regular event in 2007;

14 WHEREAS, Arnis, which is also called eskrima, kali, garrotte, among others,
15 was proclaimed as the official National Martial Art and Sport of the country by virtue
16 of Republic Act No. 9850 which was signed into law on December 11, 2009;

1 WHEREAS, R.A. 9850 defines Arnis as “an indigenous Filipino martial art and
2 sport characterized by the use of swinging and twirling movements, accompanied by
3 striking, thrusting and parrying techniques for defense and offense”;

4 WHEREAS, Senator Juan Miguel “Migz” F. Zubiri is one of the sponsors of
5 Senate Bill No. 3288 in the Fourteenth Congress who shepherded the measure to
6 become R.A. 9850;

7 WHEREAS, Senator Zubiri, a practitioner, an expert and a world champion in
8 Arnis has been significantly contributing to the promotion and development of the
9 sport within and beyond his capacity as the President and Chairman of the Philippine
10 Eskrima Kali Arnis Federation, the national sports association for Arnis;

11 WHEREAS, Arnis was part of the Southeast Asian (SEA) Games, a biennial
12 multi-sport event participated in by eleven (11) countries in Southeast Asia, as
13 Category 3 sport in 1991, 2005, and 2019, all hosted by the Philippines;

14 WHEREAS, in 30th SEA Games held this year in the country, Philippine Arnis
15 team garnered fourteen (14) gold, six (6) silver, and two (2) bronze medals, making
16 them the country’s most bemedalled team;

17 WHEREAS, the selfless efforts, dedication and contributions of Senator Zubiri
18 to the sport are instrumental to the success of the players of this sport in the 2019
19 SEA Games;

20 WHEREAS, the hardwork, commitment, and determination of our participating
21 “*arnisadors*” lead to their outstanding performance in the 2019 SEA Games which
22 brought honor and glory to the entire nation;

23 Now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, To congratulate Senator
25 Juan Miguel “Migz” F. Zubiri and the entire Philippine Arnis team for winning the
26 most number of medals of the country in the 30th Southeast Asian Games

27 *Adopted,*


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.
Senator