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RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF HON. JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI TO THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL TEAM FOR ARNIS IN VIEW OF THEIR RESOUNDING VICTORY IN THE 30TH SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES, THEREBY ENGAGING INTEREST AND APPRECIATION FOR THE SPORT AMONG PHILIPPINE AND INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCES

1 WHEREAS, in 2009, Hon. Juan Miguel F. Zubiri spearheaded the passage of
2 Republic Act No. 9850, or the Act Declaring Arnis as the National Martial Art and
3 Sport of the Philippines, to promote the sport among our people and enjoin
4 appreciation and engagement, especially among our youth;

5 WHEREAS, in line with efforts to strengthen the practice of Arnis and unify its many
6 practitioners across the nation, Hon. Juan Miguel F. Zubiri founded the Philippine
7 Eskrima Kali Arnis Federation (PEKAF) in 2017, during which time he was also
8 installed as President and Chairman of the Federation;

9 WHEREAS, in early 2019, PEKAF was declared the National Sports Association for
10 Arnis by the Philippine Olympic Committee, making it the regulating body for the
11 practice of Arnis across the nation;

12 WHEREAS, as President and Chairman of PEKAF, Hon. Juan Miguel F. Zubiri offered
13 invaluable support to arnisadors across the nation, and has hosted regional
14 competitions and training camps to push our arnisadors to excellence in preparation
15 for international competitions;

16 WHEREAS, Arnis, which was last featured in the Southeast Asian Games (SEA
17 Games) as a demonstration sport in 2005, has finally been recognized as a regular
18 sport for the 2019 SEA Games, with competitors from the Philippines, Vietnam,
19 Myanmar, and Cambodia;

20 WHEREAS, Hon. Juan Miguel F. Zubiri has been steadfast in his support of the
21 Philippine Team for Arnis throughout their preparation for the 30th SEA Games, and
22 during the event itself, personally overseeing the events and seeing to the needs of
23 the team;

1 WHEREAS, the Philippine Team for Arnis exceeded expectations and bagged
2 fourteen gold medals, four silver medals, and two bronze medals across the live
3 stick, distaff, padded stick, and anyo categories;

4 WHEREAS, the performance of the Philippine Team for Arnis has been a success not
5 only in its bountiful harvest of medals, but also in its effectiveness in inspiring
6 appreciation and interest in Arnis, among Philippine and international audiences
7 alike;

8 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines recognize
9 the invaluable contributions of Hon. Juan Miguel F. Zubiri to the Philippine National
10 Team for Arnis in view of their resounding victory in the 30th Southeast Asian
11 Games, where the team took fourteen gold medals, four silver medals, and two
12 bronze medals, thereby engaging interest and appreciation for the sport among
13 Philippine and international audiences alike.

Adopted,


SONNY ANGARA