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Introduced by **SENATOR VICENTE C. SOTTO III**

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING HON. JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI FOR LEADING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL TEAM FOR ARNIS TO RESOUNDING VICTORY IN THE 30TH SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES, WHERE THE TEAM TOOK A TOTAL OF 20 MEDALS – FOURTEEN GOLD, FOUR SILVER, AND TWO BRONZE – AND THEREBY ENGAGING INTEREST AND APPRECIATION FOR THE SPORT AMONG PHILIPPINE AND INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCES ALIKE

WHEREAS, in 2009, Hon. Juan Miguel F. Zubiri spearheaded the passage of Republic Act 9850, or the Act Declaring Arnis as the National Martial Art and Sport of the Philippines, in order to promote the sport among our people and enjoin appreciation and engagement, especially among our youth;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, the Senate of the Philippines commends Hon. Juan Miguel F. Zubiri for leading the Philippine National Team for Arnis to resounding victory in the 30th Southeast Asian Games, where the team took a total of 20 medals – fourteen gold, four silver, and two bronze – and thereby engaging interest and appreciation for the sport among Philippine and international audiences alike.

Adopted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vic Sotto III', written in a cursive style.

VICENTE C. SOTTO III