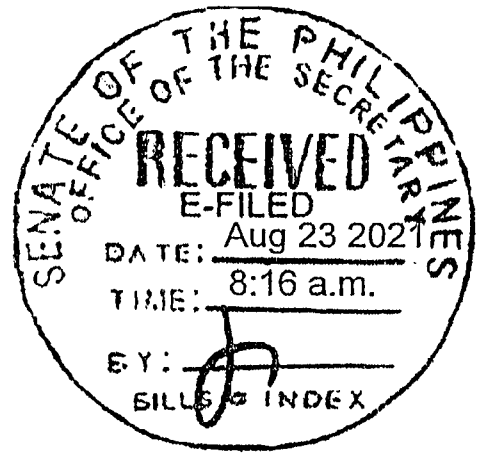


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RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINE CONTINGENT TO THE 2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS COMPOSED OF NINETEEN FILIPINO OLYMPIANS, ALONG WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE COACHES, TRAINERS AND SUPPORT TEAMS, FOR ABLY REPRESENTING THE NATION, SHOWCASING FILIPINO SPORTSMANSHIP, AND BRINGING HONOR AND PRIDE TO THE COUNTRY

1 Whereas, the Olympic Games, which is considered as the world's biggest
2 and foremost multi-sport meet that is participated by 205 countries across 339
3 sporting events, was celebrated in Tokyo, Japan from July 23 to August 8, 2021;

4 Whereas, the Philippines sent its biggest delegation in two decades since
5 the 2000 Sydney Games that is composed of nineteen athletes to represent the
6 country in eleven sports in the quadrennial tournament. They are:

- 7 1. Elreen Ann Ando (weightlifting)
- 8 2. Kurt Bryan Barbosa (taekwondo)
- 9 3. Hidilyn Diaz (weightlifting)
- 10 4. Margielyn Didal (skateboarding)
- 11 5. Luke Michael Gebbie (swimming)
- 12 6. Kristina Marie Knott (athletics)
- 13 7. Irish Magno (boxing)
- 14 8. Eumir Marcial (boxing)
- 15 9. Cris Nievarez (rowing)
- 16 10. Ernest John Obiena (athletics)
- 17 11. Carlo Paalam (boxing)

- 1 12. Bianca Pagdanganan (golf)
- 2 13. Jovic Pagunsan (golf)
- 3 14. Nesthy Petecio (boxing)
- 4 15. Remedy Rule (swimming)
- 5 16. Yuka Saso (golf)
- 6 17. Jayson Valdez (shooting)
- 7 18. Kiyomi Watanabe (judo)
- 8 19. Carlos Edriel Yulo (artistic gymnastics)

9 Whereas, Team Philippines made history as it successfully scored the
10 country's largest medal haul in the Olympics, with a total of four medals (one
11 gold, two silver and one bronze), and achieved its strongest finish yet since its
12 initial participation in the Olympics in 1924;

13 Whereas, the Philippines ranked 50th overall in the 2020 Olympics,
14 emerging as the most successful campaign in Southeast Asian region and the
15 10th best performing country in Asia;

16 Whereas, Diaz won the first ever Olympic gold medal for the country in the
17 women's 55-kg category in weightlifting;

18 Whereas, Petecio became the first Filipina boxer to claim an Olympic
19 medal after copping silver in the women's featherweight division. She was also
20 praised for displaying sportsmanship and being gracious to her opponent after
21 the final bout¹;

22 Whereas, Marcial succeeded in the men's middleweight division in boxing
23 and captured a bronze medal;

24 Whereas, Paalam won the silver medal in the men's flyweight division in
25 boxing;

26 Whereas, Didal, who finished seventh in the women's street event in
27 skateboarding, displayed cheerful attitude, infectious positive energy and friendly
28 personality throughout her campaign which was hailed by sports fans, and her

¹ "Huge respect": Japan envoy moved by Nesthy Petecio's 'amazing' sportsmanship. August 3, 2021.
<https://sports.inquirer.net/432168/huge-respect-japan-envoy-moved-by-nesthy-petecios-amazing-sportsmanship>

1 happy thumbs up pose was later recognized as "Margielyn Didal seal of
2 approval";

3 Whereas, Obiena, who ranked sixth in the world and the Philippine record
4 holder in pole vault at 5.87 meters, emerged as the only Asian to enter the final
5 round in the athletics men's pole vault and finished eleventh overall;

6 Whereas, Yulo, who was the second Filipino to qualify to the 2020 Summer
7 Games and ended the fifty-two year absence of the country in Olympic
8 gymnastics, secured a finals slot in the vault event of artistic gymnastics and
9 finished at fourth place;

10 Whereas, Ando, in her maiden Olympic stint, placed seventh in the 64-kg
11 category of women's weightlifting and set her career-best records after
12 successfully clearing 100-kg in snatch and 122-kg in clean and jerk for a total lift
13 of 222-kg;

14 Whereas, Gebbie set a new national record of 49.64 seconds in men's 100-
15 meter freestyle in one of the Olympic swimming heats;

16 Whereas, Saso climbed steadily in women's individual stroke play in golf to
17 tie in ninth place overall after initially starting at rank 47th;

18 Whereas, Nievarez qualified for the quarterfinals of the men's single sculls
19 by placing third in his heat, and giving the best performance by a Filipino rower;

20 Whereas, the Filipino athletes represented the country well in their
21 respective events and proudly demonstrated their athletic prowess, indomitable
22 spirit, and admirable sportsmanship as flag bearers of the country;

23 Whereas, they have shown dedication and commitment to sports in
24 preparing for and competing on the world stage despite risks to their personal
25 health and safety amid the novel Coronavirus pandemic;

26 Whereas, the coaches and trainers who instilled discipline, developed the
27 technique and honed the character of our athletes also merit to be recognized for
28 their bringing out the best in our delegates and turning them into world-class
29 champions;

1 Whereas, their outstanding performance in the XXXII Olympics filled the
2 entire Filipino nation with immense honor, pride and inspiration, and lifted the
3 spirit of the people during the difficult time of the ongoing global health crisis;

4 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the
5 Senate, to commend and congratulate the Philippine contingent to the 2020
6 Tokyo Olympics composed of nineteen Filipino Olympians, along with their
7 respective coaches, trainers and support teams, for ably representing the nation,
8 showcasing Filipino sportsmanship, and bringing honor and pride to the country.

Adopted,


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