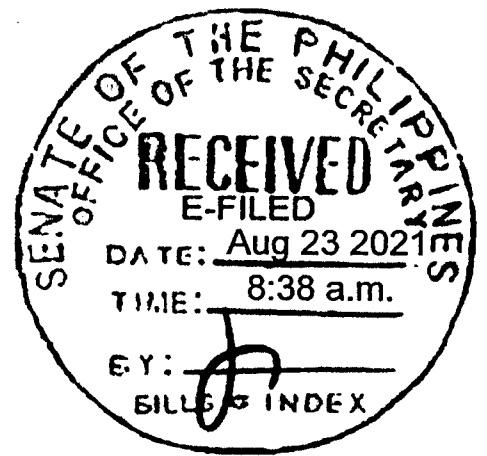


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Introduced by **SENATOR LEILA M. DE LIMA**

RESOLUTION
TO COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE THE 19 FILIPINO ATHLETES,
THEIR SUPPORT TEAMS, AND OUR SPORTS OFFICIALS WHO
PARTICIPATED IN THE TOKYO 2020 SUMMER OLYMPICS FOR
OVERCOMING ALL ODDS AND DELIVERING OUR COUNTRY'S BEST
PERFORMANCE IN HISTORY AND THANK AND HONOR THOSE IN THE
PRIVATE SECTOR WHO EXTENDED SUPPORT TO OUR ATHLETES

1 WHEREAS, Article II, Section 17 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides
2 that, "[t]he State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts,
3 culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress,
4 and promote total human liberation and development";

5 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines has, in myriad occasions,
6 commended and honored exemplary Filipinos for their achievements and victories in
7 their respective fields, which have greatly impacted and enriched the Philippines'
8 reputation and history;

9 WHEREAS, the Philippines was acclaimed as the top performing Southeast
10 Asian nation in the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics last July 23 – August 8, 2021,
11 following its "biggest medal haul in the history of the Games"¹;

12 WHEREAS, 19 exceptional Filipino athletes who battled in eleven (11) sports,
13 namely, athletics, boxing, gymnastics, golf, judo, rifle shooting, rowing,
14 skateboarding, swimming, taekwondo, and weightlifting, represented the Philippines
15 at the Olympics;

¹ Dioquino, Delfin. Rappler. *Philippines ends Tokyo Olympics as top Southeast Asian nation*. 8 August 2021.
Retrieved from <https://www.rappler.com/sports/philippines-ends-tokyo-olympics-top-southeast-asian-nation>

1 WHEREAS, the medalists are led by 30-year-old weightlifter Hidilyn
2 Francisco Diaz. She made history by winning the country’s first Olympic gold medal
3 in 96 years after winning the women’s 55 kilograms (kg) final event²;

4 WHEREAS, Nesthy Petecio is the first Filipina Olympic boxing medalist, after
5 securing a silver medal in the women’s featherweight finals. This was a long-awaited
6 win after Onyok Velasco’s silver finish in the 1996 Atlanta Games³;

7 WHEREAS, the 23-year-old “bunso” in the Philippine Boxing team, Carlo
8 Paalam, likewise finished with a silver medal in the boxing tournament’s men’s
9 flyweight finals⁴;

10 WHEREAS, Eumir Marcial won a bronze medal on the men’s middleweight
11 finals⁵. His bronze medal in Olympic boxing follows those of Jose Luis Villanueva in
12 1932, Leopoldo Serantes in 1988 and Roel Velasco in 1992⁶;

13 WHEREAS, gymnast sensation Carlos Yulo ranked fourth in the men’s vault
14 final. In the 2019 SEA Games, Yulo got the most medals for the Philippines by
15 winning two golds and five silvers⁷;

16 WHEREAS, Margielyn Didal who ranked seventh in the skateboarding –
17 women’s street – captured the hearts of many after having shown her positive

² Yumol, David Tristan. CNN Philippines. *Weightlifter Hidilyn Diaz bags PH’s first Olympic gold medal in 96 years*. 26 July 2021. Retrieved from cnnphilippines.com/sports/2021/7/26/Hidilyn-Diaz-bags-PH-first-Olympic-gold-medal.html

³ Go, Beatrice. Rappler. *Nesty Petecio settles for silver, still makes history*. 3 August 2021. Retrieved from <https://www.rappler.com/sports/boxing/results-nesthy-petecio-tokyo-olympics-august-3-2021>

⁴ Go, Beatrice. Rappler. *Carlo Paalam’s thrilling Olympic run ends in silver*. 7 August 2021. Retrieved from <https://www.rappler.com/sports/boxing/boxing-results-carlo-paalam-tokyo-olympics-august-7-2021>

⁵ Go Beatrice. Rappler. *Eumir Marcial goes home with Tokyo Olympics bronze after tight slugfest*. 5 August 2021. Retrieved from <https://www.rappler.com/sports/boxing/results-eumir-marcial-tokyo-olympics-august-5-2021>

⁶ Marquez, CJ. CNN Philippines. *Eumir Marcial settles for bronze after split decisions semis loss*. 5 August 2021. Retrieved from <https://cnnphilippines.com/sports/2021/8/5/Eumir-Marcial-bronze-Tokyo-2020-Olympics-boxing.html>

⁷ Mendiola, Ritchel. Asian Journal. *Tokyo Olympics 2021: Get to know the 19 Athletes Representing the Philippines*. 23 July 2021. Retrieved from <https://www.asianjournal.com/entertainment/sports/tokyo-olympics-2021-get-to-know-the-19-athletes-representing-the-philippines/>

1 attitude⁸ and displaying outstanding sportsmanship amidst failure to execute some
2 of her tricks due to her sprained ankle⁹;

3 WHEREAS, similarly remarkable and astounding athletes who gave their
4 ultimate best to show what Filipinos can do in different fields of sports were¹⁰:

- 5 a. Irish Magno – Boxing, Women’s flyweight.
- 6 b. EJ Obiena – Men’s pole vault
- 7 c. Yuka Saso – Women’s golf
- 8 d. Bianca Pagdanganan – Women’s golf
- 9 e. Juvic Pagunsan – Men’s golf
- 10 f. Kiyomi Watanabe – Judo, Women’s 63kg
- 11 g. Elreen Ando – Weightlifting, Women’s 64kg
- 12 h. Cris Nievarez – Rowing, Men’s single sculls
- 13 i. Kurt Barbosa – Taekwondo, Men’s 58kg
- 14 j. Jayson Valdez – Shooting, Men’s air rifle 10m
- 15 k. Kristina Knott – Athletics, Women’s 200m run
- 16 l. Remedy Rule – Swimming, Women’s 100m butterfly and Women’s 200m
17 butterfly
- 18 m. Luke Gebbie – Swimming, Men’s 100m freestyle and Men’s 50m freestyle

19 WHEREAS, the athletes unceasingly persevered and successfully paved their
20 way in aiming to finish the Olympics with flying colors defying all the limitations and
21 impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic;

22 WHEREAS, the athletes and their teams’ road to the Olympics have not been
23 an easy one. They battled through months and years of training with little resources;

24 WHEREAS, some even had to endure online attacks and threats for voicing
25 out their requests for additional support from the government;

⁸ Lojo, Michelle. Philstar. *Positive vibes all throughout Olympic competition make Didal a clear winner*. 26 July 2021. Retrieved from <https://www.philstar.com/sports/2021/07/26/2115332/positive-vibes-all-throughout-olympic-competition-make-didal-clear-winner>

⁹ Morales, Luis. Philstar. *Margielyn Didal bares she injured her ankle before Tokyo Olympics*. 6 August 2021. Retrieved from <https://www.philstar.com/sports/2021/08/06/2118047/margielyn-didal-bares-she-injured-her-ankle-tokyo-olympics>

¹⁰ Go, Beatrice. Rappler. *Tokyo Olympics: Meet Team Philippines*. 16 July 2021. Retrieved from <https://www.rappler.com/sports/things-to-know-members-team-philippines-tokyo-olympics>

1 WHEREAS, the private sector stepped up and provided invaluable support,
2 financial and otherwise, to our athletes in an inspiring show of our nation's
3 *bayanihan* spirit to help our athletes soldier on;

4 WHEREAS, private individuals, organizations, and corporations were
5 reported to have extended assistance to our athletes: giving them cash and food
6 donations, and providing them the necessary funding and facilities to help them in
7 their preparations;

8 WHEREAS, these excellent Filipinos are not only a reigning star by
9 themselves, but more importantly, shining symbols of the indomitable Filipino spirit
10 and inspiration to our countrymen, most especially the youth to keep pursuing their
11 dreams amidst life's obstacles and hurdles along the way;

12 WHEREAS, the aforementioned breakthroughs and outstanding
13 achievements of our Olympians to Philippine Sports rightfully deserves
14 commendation from the Philippine Senate for remarkably showing to the world the
15 exceptional talent of Filipinos, which in turn, made every Filipino proud and
16 strengthened our sense of nationalism and patriotism;

17 WHEREAS, it is likewise fitting that we also honor the private entities who
18 played significant roles in preparing our athletes for the international competition;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, to commend and
20 congratulate the 19 Filipino athletes, their support teams, and our sports officials
21 who participated in the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics for overcoming all odds and
22 delivering our country's best performance in history and thank and honor those in
23 the private sector who extended support to our athletes.

Adopted,


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