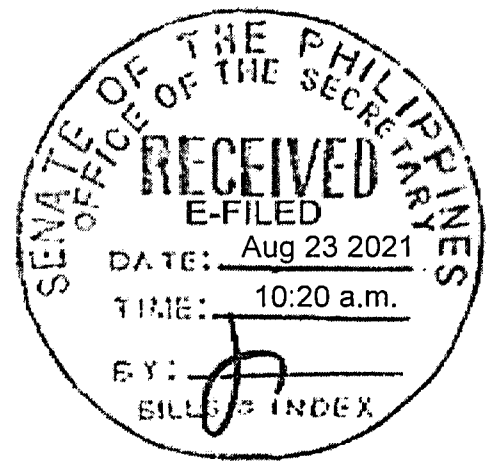


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Introduced by **Senator Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa**

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (POC), UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF POC PRESIDENT, REPRESENTATIVE ABRAHAM "BAMBOL" TOLENTINO, AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD COMPOSED OF STEVE HONTIVEROS, AL PANLILIO, RICHARD GOMEZ, CYNTHIA CARREON, CHITO LOYZAGA, RAUL CANLAS, PEARL MANAGUELOD, CHARLIE HO, AND DAVE CARTER, FOR THE COMMITTEE'S UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR THE ENTIRE PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC TEAM, EARNING THE PHILIPPINES ITS HIGHEST NUMBER OF OLYMPIC MEDALS SINCE 1924

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 19 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that it shall be the duty of the State to promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry;

WHEREAS, in pursuit of the above mandate, the Philippines has been actively participating in the Olympics since 1924, giving due attention to the field of sports as a necessary component of the full health of the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, the 2020 Summer Olympics was held recently In Tokyo, Japan, on July 23 to August 08, 2021;

WHEREAS, since the Philippines first joined in 1924, it was this year that the Philippine Olympic Team garnered the most number of Olympic medals for the country: a gold medal for weightlifter Hidilyn Diaz, silver medals for boxers Nesthy Petecio and Carlo Paalam, respectively, and a bronze medal for boxer Eumir Marcial;¹

WHEREAS, the Philippines has also been recognized as the top performing country in the Southeast Asia, placing 50th in the World Rankings in terms of medal

¹ Ochoa, Francis T.T. "With PH's best Olympics yet, sports leaders know they can bank on more support in Paris," August 9, 2021. Retrieved from: <https://sports.inquirer.net/433113/with-phs-best-olympics-yet-sports-leaders-know-they-can-count-on-more-support-to-surpass-that-in-paris>, retrieved on: August 9, 2021.

quality, honored for the remarkable feat of winning four (4) medals with a team of only nineteen (19) athletes;²

WHEREAS, this honor was achieved by the country in the midst of nothing less than a global pandemic, with COVID-19 presenting difficulties not just in terms of health but also in the aspects of mobility, employment, public order, and others, all over the world;

WHEREAS, the Filipino people are known to be champions of the spirit of *bayanihan*, maintaining a sense of unity and togetherness throughout any form of adversity, a global pandemic included;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) is a non-governmental organization serving as the mother organization of all National Sports Associations (NSAs) in the Philippines. It is recognized by the International Olympic Committee as the sole authority for representation of the Philippines in the Olympic Games, the Asian Games, the Southeast Asian Games and other multi-event competitions;

WHEREAS, last November 28, 2020, Rep. Ambraham "Bambol" Tolentino was re-elected as President of the POC while the following were elected: Steve Hontiveros as Chairman, Al Panlilio and Richard Gomez as first and second Vice-Presidents, respectively, Cynthia Carreon as Treasurer, Chito Loyzaga as Auditor, and Raul Canlas, Pearl Managuelod, Charlie Ho and Dave Carter as members of the Executive Board;

WHEREAS, Rep. Tolentino's re-election to POC President in 2020 was seen as a surefire way to sustain the development of sports in the Philippine context;³

WHEREAS, the POC, under the decisive leadership of Rep. Tolentino, exemplified the *bayanihan* spirit by prioritizing the needs of Filipino athletes and ensuring they receive all the help and support they deserve, before, during and after competitions;⁴

WHEREAS, true to his constitutional mandate as an elected legislator, POC President Tolentino proposed the enacted provision in the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act or Bayanihan 2 Law that earmarked a significant amount of public fund to be utilized by our national athletes and their coaches for their allowances and other financial support for their continuous training amidst the pandemic;

WHEREAS, the current performance of the Philippines in the recently concluded Tokyo Olympics certainly shows the commitment of the Philippine Olympic

² Terrado, Reuben. "Philippines finishes 50th in 2020 Tokyo Olympics medal tally," August 8, 2021. Retrieved from: <https://www.spin.ph/multisport/olympics/philippines-finishes-50th-in-2020-tokyo-olympics-medal-tally-a795-20210808>, retrieved on August 9, 2021.

³ Dela Cruz, Divina Nova Joy. "Tolentino's POC reelection to sustain PH sports development — Cayetano," November 30, 2020. Retrieved from: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2020/11/30/sports/sports-top/tolentinos-poc-reelection-to-sustain-ph-sports-development-cayetano/802786/>, retrieved on: August 9, 2021.

⁴ Terrado, Reuben. "Philippines finishes 50th in 2020 Tokyo Olympics medal tally," August 8, 2021. Retrieved from: <https://www.spin.ph/multisport/olympics/philippines-finishes-50th-in-2020-tokyo-olympics-medal-tally-a795-20210808>, retrieved on August 9, 2021.

Committee as well as that of Rep. Tolentino and officers of the POC, to Philippine sports;

WHEREAS, such development in the area of Philippine sports has led to a stellar and bemedaled performance that deserves recognition and commendation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines commend the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), under the Leadership Of POC President, Representative Abraham "Bambol" Tolentino, and the Executive Board composed of Steve Hontiveros, Al Panlilio, Richard Gomez, Cynthia Carreon, Chito Loyzaga, Raul Canlas, Pearl Managuelod, Charlie Ho, and Dave Carter, for the Committee's unwavering support for the entire Philippine Olympic Team, earning the Philippines its highest number of Olympic medals since 1924.

Adopted,


RONALD "BATO" DELA ROSA