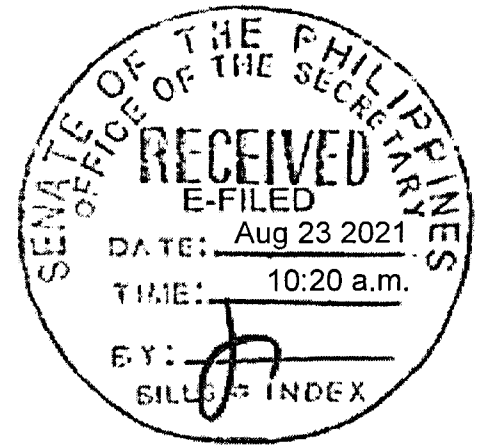


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Introduced by **Senator Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa**

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION (PSC), UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF CHAIRPERSON WILLIAM "BUTCH" RAMIREZ, WITH COMMISSIONERS ARNOLD AGUSTIN, RAMON FERNANDEZ, CELIA KIRAM, AND CHARLES RAYMOND MAXEY, FOR THEIR INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION IN THE TRAINING OF OUR PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC TEAM, ENSURING THAT OUR ATHLETES RECEIVE THE CARE AND SUPPORT THEY NEED EVEN IN THE MIDST OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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, the Philippines has always shown a consistent and strong presence in the sports arena, producing athletes worthy of note in fields such as track and field, boxing, basketball, billiards, and others;

WHEREAS, these achievements in the past notwithstanding, it was in the recently concluded Tokyo Olympics 2020 that the Philippines was able to showcase its prowess not just in individual sporting events but also in the prestigious Olympic games;

WHEREAS, with a team of only nineteen (19) athletes, the Philippines was able to garner four (4) medals, the highest number of medals for the country since 1924: Hidilyn Diaz won gold for weightlifting, Nesthy Petecio and Carlo Paalam both won silver for boxing, and Eumir Marcial won bronze also for boxing;¹

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.

WHEREAS, with this achievement, the Philippines was able to land the 50th spot in World Rankings at the Olympics in terms of medal quality;²

WHEREAS, the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), through the leadership Chairperson William "Butch" Ramirez, with Commissioners Arnold Agustin, Ramon Fernandez, Celia Kiram, and Charles Raymond Maxey, and Executive Director Merlita R. Ibay, is a Commission that envisions a unified sports program that intends to enhance the quality of life of the Filipinos, while also instilling national pride and international prestige;³

WHEREAS, the PSC has proven time and again that it has remained true to its vision, and that it is a reliable support system for our athletes, ensuring that they would be in the best shape and providing the best training for them, especially in anticipation of the Tokyo Olympics;

WHEREAS, the fact that the country bagged these awards in the time of the COVID-19 pandemic clearly shows that the PSC has never wavered in its care and assistance for our athletes;

WHEREAS, this remarkable performance behooves us to give credit where credit is due, and to recognize the Philippine Sports Commission for its efforts in investing in our national athletes' talents and skills;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines commend the Philippine Sports Commission (Psc), under the leadership of Chairperson William "Butch" Ramirez, with Commissioners Arnold Agustin, Ramon Fernandez, Celia Kiram, and Charles Raymond Maxey, for their invaluable contribution in the training of our Philippine Olympic Team, ensuring that our athletes receive the care and support they need even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Adopted,


RONALD "BATO" DELA ROSA

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 Retrieved from: <https://psc.gov.ph/en/about-psc/officials-and-contact-information.html>, retrieved on August 9, 2021.