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RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING OLYMPIC POLE VAULTER ERNEST JOHN "EJ" OBIENA FOR BRINGING HONOR AND PRIDE TO THE PHILIPPINES BY WINNING THE HISTORIC, FIRST EVER MEDAL AT THE 2022 WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN EUGENE, OREGON

1 **WHEREAS**, on 24 July 2022, Filipino pole vaulter and Olympian Ernest John "EJ"
2 Obiena made history by winning a bronze medal in the Men's Pole Vault event, at the
3 2022 World Athletics Championships in Eugene, Oregon;¹

4 **WHEREAS**, Obiena was the only Asian and the first Filipino pole vaulter to win a
5 medal in the World Athletics,² and at the same time set a new Asian, national, and
6 personal record after clearing 5.94 meters in the Men's Pole Vault competition, higher
7 than his previous record of 5.93 meters that he tallied last year at the 17th Golden Roof
8 Challenge in Austria;³

¹ Satumbaga-Villar, K. (2022, July 25). EJ Obiena soars to historic bronze medal, new Asian record at World Championships. *Manila Bulletin*.
<https://mb.com.ph/2022/07/25/ej-obiena-soars-to-new-asian-record-historic-bronze-medal-at-world-championships/>

² Rosal, D. (2022, July 25). Obiena is first Asian pole vaulter to win medal in Worlds. *Cebu Daily News*.
<https://cebudailynews.inquirer.net/454725/obienna-is-first-asian-pole-vaulter-to-win-medal-in-worlds>

³ Satumbaga-Villar, K. (2022, July 25). EJ Obiena soars to historic bronze medal, new Asian record at World Championships. *Manila Bulletin*.
<https://mb.com.ph/2022/07/25/ej-obiena-soars-to-new-asian-record-historic-bronze-medal-at-world-championships/>

1 **WHEREAS**, Obiena, who finished 11th in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics pole vaulting
2 competition, is also a two-time Southeast Asian Games Gold medalist, and now ranked
3 1st in Asia and 3rd in world;⁴

4 **WHEREAS**, through his perseverance and determination in overcoming one
5 challenge after another, Obiena attained the pinnacle of success in track and field,
6 garnering a medal at the World Athletics, proving that reaching one's dream is made
7 possible through discipline, hard work, sacrifice, and the right mindset - making him an
8 inspiration to other Filipino athletes and the entire country;

9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Senate of the Philippines
10 congratulates and commends Olympic Pole Vaultier Ernest John "EJ" Obiena for bringing
11 honor and pride to the Philippines by winning the historic, first ever World Athletics
12 medal for the country at the 2022 World Athletics Championships in Eugene, Oregon.

Adopted,


PIA S. CAYETANO *PS*

⁴ Agcaoili, L. (2022, July 28). EJ Obiena is new world No. 3 in pole vault. *Inquirer*.
<https://sports.inquirer.net/471537/ej-obiena-is-new-world-no-3-in-pole-vault>