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Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO POLE VAULTER ERNEST JOHN UY OBIENA FOR HIS HISTORIC BRONZE MEDAL WIN IN THE 2022 WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD FROM JULY 15 TO 25, 2022 AT OREGON, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 17 of the 1987 Constitution declares that the State recognizes the vital role of sports in fostering patriotism and nationalism, accelerating social progress and promoting total human liberation and development;

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines has, on numerous occasions, recognized and honored exemplary Filipinos for their remarkable accomplishments in international sports competitions which brought joy, honor and pride to the country;

whereas, athletics events are among the oldest of all sporting competitions'run, jump, throw' - known to the world. It also carries the mantle of being theOlympics Games' leading sport;

WHEREAS, the World Athletics Championships, is a biennial event organized by World Athletics, formerly known as the International Amateur Athletic Federation. It has become one of the most important track and field events in the world with 32 world records being set at the competition over the years;

WHEREAS, the World Athletics Championships Oregon22 first to be held in the United States is considered as a global experience featuring approximately 2,000 track

- and field athletes from approximately 200 nations coming together in a celebration of diversity, human potential, and athletic achievement¹;
- WHEREAS, on July 25, 2022, Ernest John Obiena fondly known as EJ, cleared
 5.94 meters. He broke his own personal record, both national and Asian;
- WHEREAS, EJ immortalized his name in the record books by winning the
 Philippines' first-ever medal at the World Athletics Championships, claiming the bronze
 in a riveting pole vault final in Eugene, Oregon, USA;
- WHEREAS, EJ is an athlete par excellence who ranked first in Asia and number

 3 in the World for pole vault;²
 - **WHEREAS**, EJ has shown strong will, passion and determination in representing the nation. His stellar performance is nothing short of a living testament that Filipinos are strong, resilient, and have a place in the world stage;
 - NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, to congratulate and commend the Filipino Pole Vaulter Ernest John Uy Obiena for his historic bronze medal win in the 2022 World Athletics Championships held from July 15 to 25, 2022 at Oregon, United States of America.

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¹ 2022 World Athletics Championship Official Program. Accessed from: WCH_OR22_OFFICIAL-PROGRAM-v5.pdf - Google Drive

² Agcaoili, L. (28 July 2021). Accessed from: EJ Obiena is new world No. 3 in pole vault | Inquirer Sports