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## **Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada**

## RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINE CONTINGENT TO THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ASEAN PARA GAMES HELD IN SURAKARTA, INDONESIA FROM JULY 30 TO AUGUST 6, 2022, FOR A TRIUMPHANT CAMPAIGN AND FOR DELIVERING THE COUNTRY'S BEST PERFORMANCE IN THE BIENNIAL REGIONAL GAMES

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines has, on numerous occasions, recognized outstanding Filipinos for their remarkable achievements in international sports competitions and for bringing glory and pride to the country;

WHEREAS, the ASEAN Para Games is a biennial multi-sport event for athletes with physical disabilities in Southeast Asia. The eleventh edition was held in Surakarta, Indonesia from July 30 to August 6, 2022 and was participated by 1,648 athletes and 661 officials from eleven countries across the region. The Solo 2022 Para Games featured 14 sports, namely: Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Blind Judo, Boccia, Cerebral Palsy Football, Chess, Goalball, Power Lifting, Sitting Volleyball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Wheelchair Basketball, and Wheelchair Tennis;

WHEREAS, the Philippines sent a 144-strong para athlete delegation, which was joined by 68 officials, coaches, trainers and medical staff;

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the regional sports fest, the Philippines ranked fifth overall and captured 28 gold, 30 silver and 46 bronze medals<sup>1</sup>, and set the country's biggest medal haul in the history of the Para Games. This year's contingent collected a total of 104 medals, surpassing the country's best record of 74 medals

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://results.apg2022.com/ Accessed August 8, 2022.

(24 gold, 24 silver and 26 bronze medals) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia during 2009 edition;

WHEREAS, the Filipino para-athletes, with majority of the delegates competing for the first time at such level, delivered an impressive performance despite the challenges and health risks encountered during the novel Coronavirus pandemic, as the Para Games were postponed twice due to the global health emergency;

WHEREAS, the perseverance, discipline, commitment to excellence, discipline and sportsmanship they have shown during the regional meet and throughout the period of their preparation and training, are exemplary values and attributes that the younger generation and all Filipinos could emulate;

WHEREAS, their remarkable accomplishments and success in the international sports stage brought great honor and pride to the nation; hence deserving of commendation and recognition from the Philippine Senate;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to commend and congratulate the Philippine contingent to the  $11^{\text{th}}$  ASEAN Para Games held in Surakarta, Indonesia from July 30 to August 6, 2022, for a triumphant campaign and for delivering the country's best performance in the biennial regional games.

Adopted,

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JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA