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P.S. Resolution No. 179

Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

## RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ERNEST JOHN UY OBIENA FOR WINNING TWO GOLD MEDALS IN THE ST. WENDEL CITY JUMP IN SANKT WENDEL, GERMANY AND "MEMORIAL VAN DAMME" ATHLETICS MEETING WANDA DIAMOND LEAGUE IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

**WHEREAS**, Art. XIV, Section 19 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that "the State shall 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**, it is in recognition of this policy that we recognize significant achievements in the field of sports to encourage and incentivize excellence among our athletes;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate has, on numerous occasions, recognized and give commendation to outstanding Filipino athletes for bringing pride and honor to the country by winning in international sports events;

**WHEREAS**, Ernest John Uy Obiena, bagged a gold medal and set a new meet record in the St. Wendel City Jump in Sankt Wendel, Germany;

**WHEREAS**, on August 31, 2022, Obiena Obiena cleared 5.86 meters to top the podium outdoing Menno Vloon of the Netherlands and Anthony Ammirati of France;

**WHEREAS**, on September 2, 2022 Obiena bagged another gold medal at the King Baudouin Stadium after clearing 5.91 meters in the "Memorial Van Damme" athletics meeting Wanda Diamond League in Brussels, Belgium;

**WHEREAS**, Obiena made history as he clinched his first-ever win in the Wanda Diamond League after besting world record holder and world no. 1 Mondo Duplantis of Sweden and Tokyo Olympic silver medalist Christopher

Nilsen of USA;

**WHEREAS**, in spite of the many challenges to Obiena on or outside the track, he has consistently shown that he is a generational talent that can be the face of not just Philippine Athletics, but of Philippine sports;

**WHEREAS**, Ernest John Uy Obiena deserves the highest praise and commendation for bringing honor and recognition to the country and for serving as an inspiration to future generations of Filipino athletes;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, for the Senate of the Philippines to express its congratulations and commendations to Ernest John Uy Obiena for winning two gold medals in the St. Wendel City Jump in Sankt Wendel, Germany and "Memorial Van Damme" athletics meeting Wanda Diamond League in Brussels, Belgium.

Adopted,

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Senator