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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ATHLETE EJ OBIENA FOR HIS**  
**REMARKABLE AND SUCCESSFUL POLE VAULTING SEASON REPRESENTING**  
**THE PHILIPPINES AROUND THE WORLD**

**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 and honor the significant achievements of our countrymen in the field of sports to encourage and incentivize excellence among our athletes;

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

**WHEREAS**, athlete Ernest John "EJ" Obiena's remarkable performance is hereby recognized as one of the most successful runs of a Filipino athlete representing the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, EJ Obiena, emerged victorious and finished at the podium of all of his events this season;

**WHEREAS**, EJ Obiena participated and represented the Philippines in eight (8) international competitions around the world and successfully hauled six (6) gold medals, one (1) silver medal, and one (1) bronze medal;

**WHEREAS**, the events and his accomplishments throughout his incredible season are the following:

1. Lausanne Diamond League, Lausanne, Switzerland (Bronze);
2. True Athletics Classics, Leverkusen, Germany (Gold);

3. Internationales Stabhochsprung-Meeting, Germany (Gold)
4. City Jump St. Wendel, Germany, where Obiena (Gold);
5. Brussels Diamond League, Belgium (Gold);
6. ISTAF Berlin, Germany (Silver);
7. Golden Fly Series, Liechtenstein (Gold);
8. Gala dei Castelli, Switzerland (Gold);

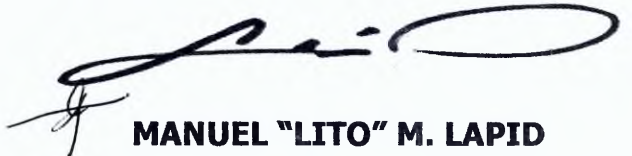
**WHEREAS**, in spite of the obstacles he has had to overcome to represent our country, EJ Obiena has delivered the best individual run by a national athlete in our country's history;

**WHEREAS**, it is also remarkable and praise-worthy that EJ Obiena, in the midst of his season, shared his spotlight and a portion of his winnings with the late track-and-field legend Lydia de Vega-Mercado. This shows not only of his compassion as a person but also respect to institutions in our country's sporting history;

**WHEREAS**, the exemplary performance of EJ Obiena in Pole Vaulting Season 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 utmost congratulations and commendations to EJ Obiena for his outstanding performance and victory in the Pole-Vaulting Season, wherein he garnered six (6) gold medals, one (1) silver medal, and one (1) bronze medal.

*Adopted,*



**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
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