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Introduced by **Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid**

RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE FILIPINO ATHLETES WHO
REPRESENTED US IN THE 2022 SOUTHEAST ASIAN TRIATHLON
ASSOCIATION RACE HELD IN DESARU, MALAYSIA

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 brethren and sistren 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, Filipino Triathletes Katrina Salazar, Moira Erediano and Francisco Baniqued all conquered land and sea to finish at the podium in the Southeast Asian Triathlon Association Race in Desaru, Malaysia;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Team comprised of Salazar, Erediano and Baniqued were sent by the Triathlon Association of the Philippines (TRAP) to represent our country in the SEATA event;

WHEREAS, all three athletes secured podium spots in their respective categories in the race, which included 20-kilometer cycling, a 5-kilometer run and a 750-meter swim;

WHEREAS, the track and field athlete from the University of the East, Katrina Salazar struck gold and was declared the 1st placer in the Elite Junior Category, where only 16 to 19-year-olds competed, this was her international triathlon debut and she finished the race in only 1 hour, 13 minutes and 34 seconds, beating out many other athletes in the crowded category for the top spot and Gold Medal;

WHEREAS, her teammate, Cebuana athlete Moira Erediano took 2nd place in the same event and category, finishing in a respectable 1 hour, 14 minutes and 1 second, just a few seconds behind her Salazar, the two Filipina athletes dominated the category;

WHEREAS, Laguna native Francisco Baniqued on the other hand took 2nd place at the podium of the Elite Junior Under 23 (U23) Category, he was the only male on the Philippine Team, finishing in 1 hour, 2 minutes and 55 seconds, only a minute behind Xian Hao Chong who took 1st place;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Triathletes exhibited outstanding sportsmanship during their incredible performances in their respective categories during the SEATA event;

WHEREAS, the outstanding performance of our Triathletes serve as an inspiration to their fellow countrymen who aspire to become just like them and bring international recognition for our country;

WHEREAS, their victory in the Southeast Asian Triathlon Association Race has made our country proud and has showcased the relentlessness of the Filipino people in showcasing our excellence in the field of sports;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend Triathletes Katrina Salazar, Moira Erediano and Francisco Baniqued for their achievements in the recently concluded SEATA Race, held in Desaru, Malaysia last September 18, 2022.

Adopted,


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Senator