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Introduced by Senator JOEL VILLANUEVA

RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING MEGGIE OCHOA AND KIMBERLY ANNE CUSTODIO FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AT THE 2022 JIU-JITSU INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2022, Wednesday, and on November 3, 2022, Thursday, Filipina *jiujiteiras* Meggie Ochoa and Kimberly Anne Custodio, respectively, clinched gold medals at the 2022 Jiu-Jitsu International Federation "JJIF" World Championship held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates¹;

WHEREAS, Ochoa, swept the women's 48-kilogram category *en route* to the gold, besting Vicky Hoang Ni Ni from Canada, 2-0 in the finals²;

WHEREAS, Ochoa is now a two-time JJIF World Champion, after becoming the country's first-ever world champion back in 2018.³ She is also a two-time Southeast Asian Games gold medalist;

WHEREAS, Custodio, a former beauty queen crowned as the 2004 Miss Iloilo Dinagyang⁴, ruled the women's 45 kilogram division, besting Kacie Pechrada Tan of Thailand, 6-4, in the finals⁵;

¹ November 2, 2022. Kimberly Custodio wins gold in Abu Dhabi Jiu-Jitsu World Championship *Retrieved from* https://sports.inquirer.net/483806/kimberly-custodio-wins-gold-in-abu-dhabi-jiu-jitsu-world-championship (date last accessed: November 6, 2022)

² November 4, 2022. Meggie Ochoa clinches Philippines' second gold in Jiu-Jitsu World Championship *Retrieved from* https://sports.inquirer.net/483991/meggie-ochoa-clinches-philippines-second-gold-in-jiu-jitsu-world-championship (date last accessed: November 6, 2022)

³ November 4, 2022. Ochoa's jiu-jitsu gold lifts PH to no. 4 in world *Retrieved from* https://manilastandard.net/sports/sports-headlines/fightsports/314275567/ochoas-jiu-jitsu-gold-lifts-ph-to-no-4-in-world.html (date last accessed: November 6, 2022) 4 November 3, 2022. Kimberly Anne Custodio Wins Gold For The Philippines At The JiuJitsu World Championships *Retrieved from* https://vogue.ph/lifestyle/people/kimberly-anne-custodio-wins-gold-for-the-philippines-at-the-jiujitsu-world-championships/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=kimberly-anne-custodio-wins-gold-for-the-philippines-at-the-jiujitsu-world-championships (date last accessed: November 6, 2022) 5 Supra at Note 1.

WHEREAS, Custodio previously won a silver medal in the 2016 International Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation "IBJJF" World Championship held in California, USA⁶;

WHEREAS, the two gold performances of the *jiujiteiras* catapulted the Philippines to the 4th spot in the world jiu-jitsu rankings;

WHEREAS, the victory, awards and exceptional performance of Meggie Ochoa and Kimberly Anne Custodio in the JJIF World Championship has brought pride and honor to the country and is a testament of the world-class talent of Philippine jiu-jitsu athletes, especially women athletes, making them a force to be reckoned with in the sport of jiu-jitsu;

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to commend and congratulate Meggie Ochoa and Kimberly Anne Custodio for their exceptional performance at the 2022 JJIF World Jiu-Jitsu Championships.

Adopted,

SENATOR JOEL VILLANUEVA

⁶ November 3, 2022. Former beauty queen Custodio crowned jiu-jitsu world champ *Retrieved from* https://manilastandard.net/sports/sports-headlines/fightsports/314275147/former-beauty-queen-custodio-crowned-jiu-jitsu-world-champ.html (date last accessed: November 6, 2022)