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Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE CONTINGENT TO THE 2022 ASIAN KICKBOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN BANGKOK, THAILAND FOR WINNING FOUR (4) GOLD, ONE (1) SILVER, AND SIX (6) BRONZE MEDALS

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines has, on numerous occasions, recognized outstanding Filipino athletes for their exemplary achievements in international sports competitions which brought great pride and honor to the country;

WHEREAS, the Philippine contingent composed of fourteen (14) kickboxers showed its prowess in the Asian Kickboxing Championships which was held from December 10 to 18, 2022 in Bangkok Youth Center in Thailand. The continental meet, a qualifying tournament to the 2023 World Combat Games to be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, gathered more than 500 participants from twenty-five countries across Asia;

WHEREAS, Jovan Medallo, 22-year-old farmer from Cebu City, clinched the country's first gold medal in the competition as he dominated the Senior Men's Creative Musical Form with Weapons category;

WHEREAS, Renalyn "Renz" Dacquel, who hails from Abra, copped the second gold medal for the country, as she outperformed the hometown opponent to win the Women's Low Kick -48 kg event;

WHEREAS, Jean Claude "The Dynamite" Saclag, a native of Baguio City and a
Southeast Asian Games champion, took home the third gold medal as he bested
hometown bet and ruled the Men's Low Kick -63.5 kg event;

WHEREAS, Gina Iniong-Araos, the pride of Baguio City and Southeast Asian Games double gold medallist, secured another gold medal as she topped the Women's Low Kick -60 kg event;

WHEREAS, other members of the Philippine contingent demonstrated their might, high caliber, and athletic excellence as they contributed to the impressive medal haul of the country in the prestigious tilt. Karol Maguide was awarded silver medal in the Men's Full Contact -54 kg event. Meanwhile, the six bronze medalists were: Ralph Chein Yosorez in the Women's Musical Form Hard Style category, Gretel de Paz in the Women's Low Kick -56 kg event, Jomar Balangui in the Men's Low Kick -57 kg class, Kurt Lubrica in the Men's Low Kick -51 kg event, Claudine Veloso in the Women's Point Fighting -55 kg category, and Carlos Alvarez in the Men's Point Fighting -69 kg division;

WHEREAS, the Filipino fighters and warriors in the elite kickboxing competition embodied the unyielding courage, resilience and indomitable spirit of the nation confronted with adversities and formidable challenges;

WHEREAS, their successful outing and victory in the international arena brought immense pride, glory, and honor to the country, and inspiration to our fellowmen; hence, merit commendation from the Philippine Senate;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to congratulate and commend the Philippine contingent to the 2022 Asian Kickboxing Championships held in Bangkok, Thailand for winning four (4) gold, one (1) silver, and six (6) bronze medals.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be given to each of the Filipino medalists of the 2022 Asian Kickboxing Championships and their respective coaches and trainers.

Adopted,

JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA