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Introduced by Senator JOEL VILLANUEVA

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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINE KICKBOXING DELEGATION**  
**FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE AT THE 2022 ASIAN**  
**KICKBOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**WHEREAS**, the Asian Kickboxing Championships is organized by the Asian Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO ASIA), recognized by the Olympic Council of Asia to be in charge of all kickboxing activities in the region;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the Asian Kickboxing Championships 2022 was held from December 10 to 18, 2022 in Bangkok Youth Center, Bangkok, Thailand;<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, kick boxers Jovan Medallo, back-to-back Southeast Asian "SEA" Games gold medalist Jean Claude Saclag, Renalyn Dacquel, and double SEA Games gold medalist Gina Iniong-Araos each won a gold medal in their respective events;<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS**, Medallo won the first gold medal in the senior men's musical forms with weapons category, Dacquel won the second gold in the women's low kick under 48-kg, Saclag's victory in the men's low kick 63.5-kg garnered the third gold medal, and Araos' victory in women's low kick 60-kg category clinched the last gold medal;<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> WAKO ASIA. Available at <https://wakoasia.com/wako-asia/> (last accessed: December 18, 2022).

<sup>2</sup> Asian Kickboxing Championships 2022 – Bangkok, Thailand. Available at <https://wakoasia.com/asian-kickboxing-championships-2022-bangkok-thailand/> (last accessed December 18, 2022).

<sup>3</sup> December 22, 2022. Filipinos strike gold in Asian Kickboxing Championships. Available at: <https://www.philstar.com/sports/2022/12/22/2232594/filipinos-strike-gold-asian-kickboxing-championships> (Date last accessed: January 2, 2023);

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid*

**WHEREAS**, the following kickboxers also bagged medals in their respective categories: silver medalist Karol Maguide for the 54-kg full contact, and bronze medalists Ralph Chein Yosorez for Musical forms, Kurt Lubrica for the 51-kg low kick, Carlos Alvarez for the 69-kg Point Fighting, Claudine Veloso for the 55-kg Women Point Fighting, Jomar Balangui for the 57-kg men low kick, and Gretel De Paz for the Female 56-kg low kick;<sup>5</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the exceptional performances of the Philippine delegation of kickboxers reveal to the world the global talent, discipline, and determination of our athletes;

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE**, as it is hereby resolved, to commend and congratulate the Philippine kickboxing delegation for their exceptional performance at the 2022 Asian Kickboxing Championships.

Adopted,

  
JOEL VILLANUEVA

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<sup>5</sup> December 28, 2022, 3 Cordillerans power PH kickboxing team to 4 golds, 1 silver, 6 bronze medal haul in Asian tilt. *Available at* <https://www.rngph.com/3-cordillerans-power-ph-kickboxing-team-to-4-golds-1-silver-6-bronze-medal-haul-in-asian-tilt/> (Date last accessed: January 3, 2023).