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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING SOFIELLE PRAJATI "PRAJ" DELA CRUZ FOR WINNING TWO GOLD MEDALS AND ONE SILVER MEDAL FOR THE PHILIPPINES IN THE 2022 INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SPORT CLIMBING-ASIAN KIDS CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN JAMSHEDPUR, INDIA

WHEREAS, on December 9 to 11, 2022, 11-year old champion climber Sofielle Prajati "Praj" Dela Cruz bagged two gold medals and one silver medal in the 2022 International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC)-Asian Kids Championship held in Jamshedpur, India;¹

WHEREAS, the international tournament is the first ever Asian Kids Sport Climbing Championship. Ten (10) Asian countries participated in said event, which was organized by the IFSC in association with the Indian Mountaineering Foundation and the Tata Steel Adventure Foundation;²

WHEREAS, Praj Dela Cruz was the sole representative of the Philippines who battled against multi-athlete delegations from Korea, Japan, India, Kazakhstan, Thailand, and China. She bagged one gold medal in speed climbing, one gold medal in bouldering, and a silver medal in the combined overall format;³

WHEREAS, the young climber, who hails from Tuguegarao City, Cagayan but is now living with her family in Irvine, California, started sport climbing at the age of seven (7). She was inspired by her parents who are also mountaineers and climbing enthusiasts;⁴

WHEREAS, at the age of ten (10), she was the youngest athlete to join the Philippine National Climbing team;⁵

¹ Philippine Information Agency (PIA). *Philippines' Praj dela Cruz had an impressive Victory in the Asian Climbing Championship*. Published on 13 December 2022. Available at <https://pia.gov.ph/news/2022/12/13/philippines-praj-dela-cruz-had-an-impressive-victory-in-the-asian-climbing-championship> (Accessed on 18 December 2022).

² The Times of India. *Two-day Asian sport climbing tourney for kids kicks off in JSR*. Published on 9 December 2022. Available at <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ranchi/two-day-asian-sport-climbing-tourney-for-kids-kicks-off-in-jsr/articleshow/96099183.cms> (Accessed on 18 December 2022).

³ Op. Cit. PIA (13 December 2022)

⁴ PIA. *Young Filipina inspires climbing sports aspirants*. Published on 5 August 2022. Available at <https://pia.gov.ph/news/2022/08/05/young-filipina-inspires-climbing-sports-aspirants> (Accessed on 18 December 2022).

⁵ Ibid.

WHEREAS, Praj Dela Cruz' victory in the international event is a testament to the exceptional talent and global excellence in sports of young Filipino athletes. Her outstanding performance has brought immense pride and inspiration to the Filipino people, and thus merits honor and recognition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to congratulate and commend Sofielle Prajati "Praj" Dela Cruz for winning two gold medals and one silver medal for the Philippines in the 2022 International Federation of Sport Climbing-Asian Kids Championship held in Jamshedpur, India.

Adopted,


JOEL VILLANUEVA