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Introduced by Senator JOEL VILLANUEVA

RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ERNEST JOHN "EJ" OBIENA FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDALS AT THE PERCHE EN OR TOURNAMENT IN FRANCE AND 2023 ORLEN CUP IN POLAND

WHEREAS, on 28 January 2023, Filipino pole vaulter Ernest John "EJ" Obiena won his first gold medal in the ongoing athletics indoor season after topping the Perche En Or tournament in Roubaix, France;¹

WHEREAS, Obiena, currently the world's No. 3 pole vaulter, cleared 5.82 meters, beating China's Jie Yao and France's Ethan Cormont, who cleared 5.75 meters and 5.65 meters, respectively;²

WHEREAS, on 04 February 2023, merely a week after topping the competition in France, Obiena won his second gold medal of the season after ruling the 2023 Orlen Cup in Lodz, Poland;³

WHEREAS, Obiena cleared 5.77 meters, beating the representatives of the United States of America (USA), Poland, and Italy, who all cleared 5.70 meters, as well as seven other participants;⁴

¹ Inquirer.net. EJ Obiena wins pole vault gold in France. 29 January 2023. Available at <https://sports.inquirer.net/495029/ej-obiena-wins-pole-vault-gold-in-france>.

² GMA News Online. EJ Obiena tops Perche En Or for first gold in 2023 indoor season. 29 January 2023. Available at <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/sports/othersports/858990/ej-obiena-tops-perche-en-or-for-first-gold-in-2023-indoor-season/story/>.

³ Inquirer.net. EJ Obiena wins second gold in seven days with Orlen Cup victory. 05 February 2023. Available at <https://sports.inquirer.net/495879/ej-obiena-wins-second-gold-in-seven-days-with-orken-cup-victory>.

⁴ Watch Athletics. Orlen Cup Lodz 2023 Results. 04 February 2023. Available at <https://www.watchathletics.com/page/3596/orlen-cup-lodz-2023-results>.

WHEREAS, Obiena opened the season with a silver medal win in the Internationales Springer-Meeting held in Cottbus, Germany on 25 January 2023 where he cleared 5.77 meters;⁵

WHEREAS, after his gold medal win in France, Obiena secured his third podium finish of the year after bagging the bronze medal in the Mondo Classic 2023 in Uppsala, Sweden on 02 February 2023. During the event, Obiena also cleared a season-best 5.91 meters;⁶

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Filipino Olympian also impressed the world with his exceptional talent, garnering his largest and most successful medal haul to date, winning twelve gold medals, two silver medals, and three bronze medals in various pole vaulting competitions.⁷ In July 2022, he became the first Filipino to win a medal in the World Athletics Championships, setting a new Asian, national, and personal record after clearing 5.94 meters in the event;⁸

WHEREAS, Obiena's victories and outstanding performance bring great pride and honor to country, serving as an inspiration and motivation to all Filipinos, particularly his fellow athletes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to congratulate and commend Ernest John "EJ" Obiena for winning the gold medals at the Perche En Or tournament in France and 2023 Orlen Cup in Poland.

Adopted,


JOEL VILLANUEVA

⁵ Inquirer.net. EJ Obiena opens new season with silver medal in Germany. 26 January 2023. Available at <https://sports.inquirer.net/494675/ej-obiena-opens-new-season-with-silver-medal-in-germany>.

⁶ Rappler. Obiena nails bronze in Mondo Classic as Duplantis rules home event. 03 February 2023. Available at <https://www.rappler.com/sports/results-ej-obiena-mondo-classic-sweden-february-2-2023/>.

⁷ Senate of the Philippines. Adopted Resolution No. 18. 19 September 2022. Available at http://legacy.senate.gov.ph/19th_congress/resolutions/resno18.pdf.

⁸ Inquirer.net. EJ Obiena makes history with bronze medal at World Athletics Championships. 25 July 2022. Available at <https://sports.inquirer.net/471172/ej-obiena-makes-history-with-bronze-medal-at-world-athletics-championships>.