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**RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO OLYMPIAN ERNEST JOHN "EJ" UY OBIENA FOR HIS IMPRESSIVE MEDAL HAUL IN THE OPENING SEASON OF THE 2023 POLE VAULTING COMPETITIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate has, on several occasions, given recognition and commendation to outstanding Filipinos for their exceptional feats of bringing honor, pride and glory to the country by garnering prestigious awards;

**WHEREAS**, Ernest John "EJ" Uy Obiena has continued his exemplary performance, and currently ranked first in Asia and third in the whole world for pole vaulting. EJ holds the distinction of being the first Filipino to be given a scholarship by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF);

**WHEREAS**, EJ made an athletic highlight on his career in 2022, with twelve gold medals, two silver medals, and three bronze medals;

**WHEREAS**, EJ opened 2023 with a silver medal win in the Internationales Springer-Meeting in the Lausitz-Arena, Cottbus, Germany on January 26, 2023 to open his campaign in the indoor pole vault season;

**WHEREAS**, EJ has won his first gold medal for this year at the Perche en Or Roubaix of the Perche Elite Tour in France on January 29, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, EJ continued his win and matched his national indoor record for a bronze-medal finish in the prestigious Mondo Classic 2023 in Uppsala, Sweden on February 2, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, EJ claimed his second gold on his fourth tournament as he ruled the Orlen Cup in Lodz, Poland on February 4, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, EJ won his third gold in the this 2023 indoor season in the National Indoor Meeting in Padova, Italy;

**WHEREAS**, EJ has successfully defended his throne by winning gold at the 2023 Orlen Copernicus Cup in Torun, Poland on February 9, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, EJ kept his strong showing in the indoor season after capturing the silver medal in the ISTAF Berlin at the Mercedes-Benz Arena in Berlin, Germany on February 11, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, EJ may have experienced setbacks when he recently pulled out of the Asian Indoor Athletic Championships in Kazakhstan due to financial and logistical issues, and snapped his streak of podium finishes when he placed last in the Meeting Hauts-de-France Pas-de-Calais in Liévin, France;

**WHEREAS**, in just two months, EJ has already snagged seven (7) medals - 4 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze medals in his indoor campaign;

**WHEREAS**, There remains a great possibility for EJ Obiena to raise his world pole vault ranking from No. 3 to No. 2 when the international federation released its updated standings shortly after the end of the indoor season;

**WHEREAS**, EJ has consistently brought immense honor to the nation, serving as epitome of inspiration and determination to his fellow athletes here and abroad;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to congratulate and commend Filipino Olympian Ernest John "EJ" Uy Obiena for his impressive medal haul in the opening season of the 2023 Pole Vaulting Competitions.

*Adopted,*

  
**RAMON BONG REVILLA JR.**