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Introduced by **Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid**

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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE NATIONAL ROWING TEAM**  
**FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AND OUTSTANDING**  
**ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE 2023 WORLD ROWING INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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

**WHEREAS**, the 1987 Constitution states that "[t]he State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry"

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine National Rowing Team participated in the 2023 World Rowing Indoor Championships held in Mississauga, Toronto, Canada last February 25-26, 2023, organized by World Rowing since 2018;

**WHEREAS**, the said competition gathered competitors from different countries such as the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Latvia, Australia, Saudi Arabia, China, Poland, Egypt, France, Germany, Slovakia, Belgium, Portugal, Czechoslovakia and the Philippines that competed for the title of world rowing Champion;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine National Rowing Team showed outstanding performance and exceptional skills in the said competition, garnering a total of four medals, one gold, one silver, and two bronze medals;

**WHEREAS**, Kristine Parson, a member of the Philippine National Rowing Team, hauled gold and silver in the 19-20 Women's 2000m and 19-20 Women's 500m, respectively, Filipino Olympian Cris Marasigan Nievarez bagged the bronze medal in the 21-22 Men's 2000m, while Athen Tolentino brought home the other bronze medal in the 21-22 Lightweight 500m class;

**WHEREAS**, the achievements of the Philippine National Rowing Team serve as a source of pride and inspiration for the Filipino people, especially for the youth, to pursue excellence in sports and to promote a healthy and active lifestyle;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to congratulate and commend the Philippine National Rowing Team for their exceptional performance and achievements in the 2023 World Rowing Indoor Championships held in Mississauga, Toronto, Canada last February 25-26, 2023, and to express the Senate's appreciation and support for their dedication and hard work.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, to urge the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and other concerned government agencies to continue providing support and assistance to the Philippine National Rowing Team and other national athletes in their quest for excellence in sports, and to encourage the promotion of sports and physical fitness among Filipinos.

*Adopted,*



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