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RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE TEAM FOR
EMERGING WITH FOUR (4) GOLD, ONE (1) SILVER, AND SIX (6) BRONZE
MEDALS IN THE 2022 ASIAN KICKBOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD AT THE
BANGKOK YOUTH CENTER, THAILAND

WHEREAS, the Senate has, on several occasions, given recognition and commendation to outstanding Filipinos for their contribution in showcasing our nation's promising potential in the various fields and disciplines of Sports and in bringing pride and honor to the country by winning in international competitions;

WHEREAS, among the Philippine contingent composed of fourteen (14) kickboxers, the following athletes emerged with gold medals in the 2022 Asian Kickboxing Championships, held last 10-18 December 2022 in Bangkok, Thailand, which is a qualifier for the World Combat Games to be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia:

1. Jovan Medallo
2. Jean Claude Saclag
3. Renalyn Dacquel
4. Gina Iniong Araos;

WHEREAS, this performance follows another stellar finish by the Philippine Kickboxing Team during the 31st Southeast Asian Games in Hanoi, Vietnam, where they bagged eight medals—2 gold, 4 silver, and 2 bronze medals;

WHEREAS, the pride of Cebu, Jovan Medallo, bagged the country's first gold medal in the Asian competition as he defeated the Chinese Taipei's Hsuan Wu Chi in the Senior Men's Creative Musical Forms with Weapons category;

WHEREAS, the back-to-back Southeast Asian Games gold medalist, Jean Claude "The Dynamite" Saclag of the famed Team Lakay, dominated the Men's Low Kick -63.5kg category and defeated the hometown bet Chaleamlap Santidongsakun;

WHEREAS, other Team Lakay Standouts Renalyn "Renz" Dacquel and Gina Iniong Araos dominated their categories and secured two more gold medals for Team Philippines;

WHEREAS, Dacquel scored a 3-0 win and ruled the Women's Low Kick -48kg category;

WHEREAS, double SEA Games gold medalist, Iniong Araos, defeated Chinese Taipei's Hsiao Hsin Chi and dominated the Women's Low Kick -60kg category;

WHEREAS, aside from the abovementioned four (4) gold medals, the Philippine team bagged as well one (1) silver and six (6) bronze medals;

WHEREAS, the silver medal was awarded to Karol Maguide in the Men's Full Contact -54kg event;

WHEREAS, the bronze medals were awarded to the following athletes in their respective events:

1. Ralph Chein Yosorez (Women's Musical Form Hard Style)
2. Gretel de Paz (Women's Low Kick -56kg)
3. Jomar Balangui (Men's Low Kick -57kg)
4. Kurt Lubrica (Men's Low Kick -51kg)
5. Claudine Veloso (Women's Point Fighting -55kg)
6. Carlos Alvarez (Men's Point Fighting -69kg)

WHEREAS, there is also need to recognize the team around our kickboxing athletes led by no less than Samahang Kickboxing ng Pilipinas President Sen. Francis "Tol" N. Tolentino, without whom, these series of successes would not be possible;

WHEREAS, the sustained competitiveness of our kickboxing team has displayed heart, unrelenting commitment, and passion for excellence that must be emulated by all athletes who compete for our flag and country;

WHEREAS, the outstanding performance of the Philippine Team deserves the highest praise, recognition and commendation for bringing pride and inspiration to the Filipino people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend the Philippine Team for emerging with four (4) gold, one (1) silver, and six (6) bronze medals in the 2022 Asian Kickboxing Championships held at the Bangkok Youth Center, Thailand.

Adopted,



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