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

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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE ICE HOCKEY**  
**TEAM FOR BAGGING THE GOLD MEDAL AT THE 2023 INTERNATIONAL ICE**  
**HOCKEY FEDERATION (IIHF) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS DIVISION IV**  
**HELD ON MARCH 23-26, 2023 IN ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA**

**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**, at the 2023 Ice Hockey World Championships Division IV, which was held on March 23-26, 2023 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, the Philippine Team bagged the gold medal after beating Indonesia (14-0), followed by Mongolia (7-6 in overtime), and finally by Kuwait (14-0);

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Ice Hockey Team, mentored by Finnish Coach Juhani Ijas, is composed of the following athletes:

1. Patrick Daniel Abis
2. Mikel Sean Miller
3. Manvil Billones
4. Carl Michael Montano
5. Jorell Crisostomo

6. Jan Aro Regencia
7. John Steven Fuglister
8. Miguel Alfonso Relampagos
9. John Glenn Lagleva
10. Kenrick Sze
11. Lenard Rigel Lancero II
12. Carlo Angelo Tigaronita
13. Einzenn Ham
14. Carlo Pastrana
15. Julius Frederick Santiago
16. Eishner Jigsmac Sibug
17. Jann Gerey So Tiong
18. Carlo Martin Tenedero
19. Gianpetro Iseppi
20. Paolo Spafford;

**WHEREAS**, during the said competition, the Philippine Ice Hockey Team did not only successfully capture the gold medal, but also got promoted to a higher division, *i.e.*, *Division III-B*, which will allow the Team to compete against European and Middle Eastern countries in the next tournament;

**WHEREAS**, in spite of our situation as a tropical country with a limited exposure to winter sports tournament, these young Filipinos found a way not only to be competitive but also to win and excel in a sport that is barely played in our country;

**WHEREAS**, the exemplary performance of the Philippine Ice Hockey Team deserves the highest praise, recognition and commendation for bringing pride and inspiration to the Filipino people, for showing to the world the unrelenting spirit of Filipino in sports excellence;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, for the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend the Philippine Ice Hockey Team for successfully bagging

the gold medal at the 2023 International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) World Championships Division IV held on March 23-26, 2023 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

*Adopted,*

  
**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
*Senator* 