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

## RESOLUTION

## CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION, ATHLETES, AND THE REST OF TEAM PHILIPPINES FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING EFFORT AND PERFORMANCE DURING THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED 32<sup>ND</sup> SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES (SEA GAMES 2023) HELD IN PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA FROM MAY 5 TO 17, 2023

**WHEREAS,** the Senate has, on several occasions, given recognition and commendation to outstanding Filipinos for their achievements in the various fields and disciplines of Sports and in bringing pride and honor to the country by winning in international competitions;

**WHEREAS,** from May 5 to 17, 2023, the 32<sup>nd</sup> Southeast Asian Games (2023 SEA Games), a biennial regional multi-sport event, took place in Phnom Penh, Cambodia;

**WHEREAS,** throughout the said competition, approximately 6,200 athletes representing 11 nations participated and competed in 584 events encompassing 36 sports;

**WHEREAS,** the success of Team Philippines in the 2023 SEA Games serves as a testament to the collective efforts and commitment of our athletes, coaches, sports associations, and the Philippine Sports Commission in promoting excellence in sports and nurturing our nation's athletic potential;

**WHEREAS,** sports serve as a powerful tool for inspiration, uniting our country and promoting national pride as our athletes demonstrate resilience, discipline, and determination to achieve greatness in their respective fields;

**WHEREAS,** the significance of sports extends beyond national boundaries, and the 2023 SEA Games provided a platform for fostering camaraderie, understanding, and cooperation among the participating countries in the Southeast Asian region;

**WHEREAS,** in the face of recent challenges to the stability of the Southeast Asian region, including socio-economic disparities, political unrest, and the still ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the spirit of friendly competition and sportsmanship displayed in the 2023 SEA Games highlights the importance of solidarity and unity among nations;

**WHEREAS,** at the end of the competition, the Philippines' secured the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) position, achieving a total of 260 medals consisting of 58 gold, 85 silver, and 117 bronze;

**WHEREAS,** the outstanding and remarkable performance of the entire Philippine delegation at the 2023 SEA Games, comprised of 846 athletes, deserves the utmost and highest praise, recognition, and commendation for representing our country, for bringing immense pride and inspiration to the Filipino people, and for showing to the world the unrelenting spirit of the Filipino;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, for the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend the Philippine Sports Commission, Athletes, and the rest of Team Philippines for their Outstanding Effort and Performance during the Recently Concluded 2023 Southeast Asian Games32<sup>nd</sup> Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games 2023) held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from May 5 to 17, 2023.

Adopted,

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