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RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL SOFT TENNIS TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE DURING THE 32ND SOUTHEAST ASIAN (SEA) GAMES HELD IN CAMBODIA

WHEREAS, the Southeast Asian (SEA) Games is a biennial multi-sports events participated by the eleven (11) member states of Southeast Asia, namely: the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Cambodia, Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, Brunei Darussalam, and Timor Leste;

WHEREAS, for the 32nd iteration of the SEA Games wherein Vietnam finished first with 355 total medals, the Philippines meanwhile ranked 5th overall with a total

of 260 podium finishes (58 gold medals, 85 silver medals, and 117 bronze medals), bested other neighboring countries such as Singapore and Malaysia, and surpassed

the 52 gold medals garnered during the 2021 SEA Games in Hanoi, Vietnam;

WHEREAS, among the 800 strong Filipino athletes who competed during the biennial multi-sporting event was the Philippine National Soft Tennis Team who contributed a total of five (5) medals - three (3) gold medals, one (1) silver medal, and one (1) bronze medal - in various events;

WHEREAS, under the Women's Division, Filipina athletes Noelle Conchita Corazon Zoleta-Mañalac and Princess Lorben Marie Catindig won the gold medal in the Soft Tennis Women's Doubles Event after beating Thailand. Meanwhile, Zoleta-Mañalac, Catindig, Virvienica Isearis Bejosano, Christy Sañosa, Fatima Ayesha Amirul, and Noelle Nikki Camille Zoleta also won gold in the Women's Team Event after a

dominating performance against Indonesia. Finally, Zoleta also won the silver medal in the Women's Singles Event;

WHEREAS, under the Men's Division, Joseph Arcilla - despite experiencing excruciating leg spasms during the competition - was able to claim the gold medal in the Men's Singles Event against Indonesia. Arcilla, Dheo Talatayod, Mark Anthony Alcoseba, Sherwin Ray Nuguit, Adjuthor Moralde, and George Patrick Mendoza also made a podium finish after winning bronze in the Men's Team Event;

WHEREAS, under the capable guidance of the Philippine Soft Tennis Association, Inc. National President Cpt. Robert Joseph Moran, Chairman Emeritus Antonio Laperal Tamayo, Chairman Peter Gaisano, head coach Divina Gracia Escala, and coaches Michael John Enriquez and Josephine Paguyo, the Philippine National Soft Tennis Team was able to perform admirably against international athletes and bring pride to the country not only during this year's SEA Games but also in previous iterations as the team won 1 silver medal and 6 bronze medals during the 2011 SEA Games in Indonesia, and 3 gold medals during the 2019 SEA Games in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, their recent performance not only showcased the prowess of our Filipino athletes but also their determination to bring home the glory to a proud and grateful nation. More importantly, the team — as well as all of the athletes who participated in the 32nd SEA Games - has surely inspired our future generations to take on this challenge of competing at a higher level;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Senate of the Philippines to commend and congratulate the Philippine National Soft Tennis Team for their outstanding performance during the 32nd Southeast Asian (SEA) Games held in Cambodia.

Adopted,

SONNY ANGARA