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

1 WHEREAS, during the 32<sup>nd</sup> South East Asian Games in Phnom Penh, Cambodia,  
2 the Philippines ranked 5th overall with a total of 260 podium finishes (58 gold medals,  
3 85 silver medals, and 117 bronze medals), surpassing the 52 gold medals garnered  
4 during the 2021 SEA Games in Hanoi, Vietnam;

5 WHEREAS, the Philippine National Arnis Team delivered an outstanding  
6 performance against formidable opponents who competed in the arnis events, with  
7 the team having impressively garnered six (6) gold medals – two (2) silver medals –  
8 and four (4) bronze medals or a total of twelve (12) medals;

9 WHEREAS, the Philippine National Arnis Team achieved the greatest number of  
10 gold medals in the country and is the best performing arnis team in the SEA Games,  
11 having secured a total of six (6) gold medals;

12 WHEREAS, under the Women’s Division, Maria Ella Bantayan Alcosoba (Live  
13 Stick Event), Charlotte Ann Paredes Tolentino (Bantamweight Padded Stick), Jedah-  
14 Mae Geriba Soriano (Lightweight Padded Stick), and Trixie Mary Oponda Lofranco  
15 (Individual Anyo Event) all won gold medals after besting their opponents from  
16 Cambodia, Myanmar, and Vietnam. Also claiming victory is Jude Oliver Marie Rodriguez  
17 who was awarded a silver medal for her success in the live stick event. Furthermore,  
18 the trio of Jeanette Bonilla Agapito, Mary Allin Lomarda Aldeguer, and Ma. Crystal Jane

1 Bolanio Sapio similarly won silver medals owing to their impressive performance in the  
2 Women’s Team Anyo event;

3 WHEREAS, under the Men’s Division, Filipino athletes Dexler Sandigan  
4 Bolambao (Live Stick Event) and Crisamuel Tellez Delfin (Individual Anyo Event) also  
5 won gold medals after convincing victories against their opponents. Meanwhile, Niño  
6 Mark Esponela Talledo (Live Stick Event), Ezekyl Salaysay Habig (Bantamweight  
7 Padded Stick), and Noah Gonzalez (Lightweight Padded Stick) claimed podium  
8 finishes, having won bronze medals in their respective events. Finally, Jeric Manuel  
9 Arce, Mark David Pasinabo Puzon, and Mack John-Neil Gaddaoan Pineda likewise  
10 managed to win bronze due to their efforts in the Men’s Team Anyo event;

11 WHEREAS, behind the remarkable achievement of the Philippine National Arnis  
12 Team is a passionate and hardworking coaching staff comprised of Delegation Head,  
13 Grandmaster Rene R. Tongson, Head Coach Richardson C. Gialogo, Assistant Coaches  
14 Aniano C. Lota Jr. and P/Capt. Reneto E. Tuñacao, Strength and Conditioning Coach  
15 Rodolfo Jay L. Garcia, trainers Jovannie M. Fajamil, Sgt. Julius B. Acosta, and  
16 Romualdo M. Francisco Jr., and no other than Phil. Eskrima Kali Arnis Federation  
17 Chairperson and President Senate President Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, whose guidance  
18 and determination ultimately propelled our arnis team to success;

19 WHEREAS, the overwhelming success of the Philippine National Arnis Team is  
20 a demonstration of the Filipino athletes’ commitment to excellence having previously  
21 achieved 20 podium finishes comprising of fourteen (14) gold medals, four (4) silver  
22 medals, and two (2) bronze medals during the 30<sup>th</sup> SEA Games held in 2019;

23 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the  
24 Senate of the Philippines to commend and congratulate the Philippine National Arnis  
25 Team for their outstanding performance during the 32<sup>nd</sup> SEA Games held in  
26 Cambodia.

Adopted,



**SONNY ANGARA**