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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE TEAM AND THEIR COACHING STAFF FOR BRINGING GREAT PRIDE AND HONOR TO THE COUNTRY WITH THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AT THE 32ND SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES, WINNING 58 GOLD MEDALS, 85 SILVER MEDALS, AND 117 BRONZE MEDALS

WHEREAS, the Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games), first held in 1959, is a biennial multi-sport event featuring participants from the countries of Southeast Asia;

WHEREAS, the 32nd edition of the SEA Games was held in Cambodia from 05 – 17 May 2023 with 6,210 participants from 11 countries and 580 events in 36 sports;

WHEREAS, the Philippines participated in the SEA Games for the first time in 1977. The country has also hosted the games four times – in 1981, 1991, 2005, and 2019 and emerged the overall champions twice – in 2005 and 2019;

WHEREAS, in the 32nd SEA Games, the country sent a delegation of 840 athletes, who competed in all the sports, and 257 officials and coaching staff;¹

WHEREAS, the Philippine Team showcased their exemplary talent and skills throughout the competition and finished 5th overall with 58 gold medals, 85 silver medals, and 117 bronze medals for a total medal haul of 260;

WHEREAS, this is the country's largest overseas medal haul at the SEA Games and most gold medals earned as a non-host since the 1987 Games in Indonesia;²

¹ Philippine News Agency. *PH athletes in SEA Games down to 840*. 27 March 2023. Available at <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1198339>. Accessed on 25 May 2023.

² Rappler. *PH nets biggest overseas SEA Games gold haul in nearly 4 decades*. 17 May 2023. Available at <https://www.rappler.com/sports/southeast-asian-games/results-philippines-biggest-gold-haul-overseas/>.

WHEREAS, the Philippine Team brought home the gold medal in the following sports: Arnis (6); Athletics (4); Basketball (1); Boxing (4); Endurance Race (3); E-sports (2); Gymnastics (4); Judo (1); Jujitsu (3); Karate (2); Kickboxing (3); Kun Bokator (2); Obstacle Race (4); Soft Tennis (3); Swimming (2); Taekwondo (6); Tennis (1); Weightlifting (2); Wrestling (4); and Wushu (1);

WHEREAS, the Philippine Team garnered silver medals in the various events of the following: Arnis (2); Athletics (10); Basketball (3); Boxing (5); Cricket (2); Cycling (1); Endurance Race (2); E-sports (1); Fencing (4); Floorball (1); Gymnastics (2); Judo (1); Jujitsu (1); Karate (6); Kickboxing (4); Kun Bokator (6); Kun Khmer (1); Obstacle Race (2); Ouk Chaktrang (2); Pencak Silat (2); Sailing (2); Sepak Takraw (2); Soft Tennis (1); Swimming (6); Taekwondo (1); Vovinam (2); Weightlifting (4); Wrestling (7); and Wushu (1);

WHEREAS, the Philippine Team also won bronze medals in the various events of the following: Arnis (4); Athletics (8); Badminton (1); Billiards (2); Boxing (1); Cycling (3); Endurance Race (1); E-sports (3); Fencing (5); Floorball (1); Gymnastics (2); Jet Ski (1); Judo (5); Jujitsu (8); Karate (1); Kickboxing (8); Kun Bokator (8); Kun Khmer (5); Ouk Chaktrang (3); Pencak Silat (8); Pétanque (1); Sailing (2); Sepak Takraw (1); Soft Tennis (1); Table Tennis (1); Swimming (8); Taekwondo (8); Volleyball (1); Vovinam (6); Weightlifting (1); Wrestling (5); and Wushu (4);

WHEREAS, the Philippine Arnis and Taekwondo teams delivered strong performances in all categories and brought home the most number of gold medals for the country with six apiece;

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Men's Basketball Team Gilas Pilipinas reasserted their dominance in the men's 5x5 basketball event after a decisive win over host Cambodia, 80 – 69. The country has now won 19 of the 22 events since basketball was first played at the SEA Games in 1977;

WHEREAS, several athletes won multiple medals in their respective sports, including Olympian gymnast Carlos Yulo, who won two gold medals and two silver medals;

WHEREAS, swimmers Teia Salvino and Xiandi Chua also won multiple medals and set new SEA Games records in the women's 100m backstroke and women's 200m backstroke events, respectively;

WHEREAS, Olympian pole vaulter and Asian record holder EJ Obiena won his third SEA Games gold medal and set a new meet record of 5.65 meters;

WHEREAS, weightlifter Elreen Ando shattered records in the women's 59 kg weight class after lifting 98 kg in snatch and 118 kg in clean and jerk for a new SEA Games record of 216 kg. Meanwhile, Vanessa Sarno once again ruled the women's 71 kg division and even reset her own SEA Games record after clearing 105 kg in snatch;

WHEREAS, our athletes impressed the world with their passion, exceptional talent, and record-breaking performances in this year's regional meet. Their victories serve as an inspiration and motivation to all Filipinos and thus merit recognition from this august chamber;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend the Philippine Team and their coaching staff for bringing great pride and honor to the country with their outstanding performance at the 32nd Southeast Asian Games, winning 58 gold medals, 85 silver medals, and 117 bronze medals.

Adopted,


JOEL VILLANUEVA 