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RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION TO THE 32ND SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES FOR ABLY REPRESENTING THE COUNTRY AND BRINGING HOME 58 GOLD, 85 SILVER AND 117 BRONZE MEDALS FROM THE BIENNIAL MEET

1 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines has consistently recognized
2 outstanding Filipino athletes who ably represented the country and won in prestigious
3 international sports competitions, thereby bringing honor and pride to the Filipino
4 nation;

5 WHEREAS, the 32nd edition of the Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) was
6 held for the first time in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 05 to 17 May, 2023. Over 6,200
7 athletes from eleven countries across the Southeast Asian region participated in a total
8 of 584 events in 37 sports in the biennial meet;

9 WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the multi-sports event, the Philippine delegation
10 composed of 846 athletes, finished fifth place overall as it garnered 58 gold, 85 silver
11 and 117 bronze medals or a total of 260 medals, surpassing the country's medal output
12 last year during the 31st SEA Games in Hanoi, Vietnam, and delivering the country's
13 best overseas performance since 1987 when it won 59 golds in Indonesia;

14 WHEREAS, the following Filipino athletes and national teams bagged the
15 highest honors and gold medals in the SEA Games:

- 16 1. Kaila Napolis – Jiu-Jitsu, Ne-waza Nogi -52kg (W)
- 17 2. Angel Gwen Derla – Kun Bokator, Single bamboo shield form (W)
- 18 3. Precious Cabuya – Obstacle course racing, 100 m (W)

- 1 4. Mark Julius Rodelas – Obstacle course racing (M)
- 2 5. Sakura Alforte – Karate, individual kata (W)
- 3 6. Annie Ramirez – Jiu-Jitsu, Ne-waza NOGI -57kg (W)
- 4 7. Matthew Hermosa, Inaki Lorbes, Kira Ellis, Erica Burgos – Aquathlon,
- 5 mixed relay team
- 6 8. Milky Mae Tejares, Mecca Cortizano, Sandi Menchi Abahan, Marites
- 7 Nocyao – Obstacle course racing, team relay (W)
- 8 9. Ahgie Radan, Elias Tabac, Mervin Guarte, Jay-ar de Castro – Obstacle
- 9 course racing, team relay (M)
- 10 10. Kim Mangrobang – Duathlon (W)
- 11 11. Noelle Zoleta-Mañalac, Princess Catindig – Soft Tennis, doubles (W)
- 12 12. Jamie Lim – Karate, kumite 61kg (W)
- 13 13. Marc Alexander Lim – Jiu-Jitsu, Ne-waza NOGI - 69kg (M)
- 14 14. Sibol: Golden Dajao, Aaron Bingay, Reniel Angara, Gerald Gelacio,
- 15 Chammy Nazarrea, Justine Ritchie Tan – Esports, League of Legends:
- 16 Wild Rift
- 17 15. Fernando Casares – Triathlon (M)
- 18 16. Carlos Yulo – Artistic Gymnastics, individual all-around (M) and parallel
- 19 bars (M)
- 20 17. Robin Catalan – Kun Bokator, combat 50kg (M)
- 21 18. Xiandi Chua – Swimming, 200m backstroke (W)
- 22 19. EJ Obiena – Athletics, pole vault (M)
- 23 20. John Ivan Cruz – Artistic Gymnastics, floor exercise (M)
- 24 21. Juancho Miguel Besana – Artistic Gymnastics, vault (M)
- 25 22. Janry Ubas – Athletics, long jump (M)
- 26 23. Teia Salvino – Swimming, 100m backstroke (W)
- 27 24. Philippine Soft Tennis team: Christy Sañosa, Fatima Ayesha Amirul,
- 28 Noelle Conchita Mañalac, Noelle Nikki Zoleta, Princess Lorben Catindig
- 29 and Virvienica Isearis Bejosano – Soft Tennis, team event (W)
- 30 25. Joseph Arcilla – Soft Tennis, singles (M)
- 31 26. Eric Cray – Athletics, 400m hurdles (M)
- 32 27. Agatha Wong – Wushu, Taijiquan + Taijijian (W)

- 1 28. Jocel Lyn Ninobla, Nicole Labayne and Aidaine Laxa – Taekwondo, team
- 2 recognized poomsae (W)
- 3 29. Patrick King Perez – Taekwondo, individual recognized poomsae (M)
- 4 30. Frederick Ramirez, Joyme Sequita, Michael Carlo del Prado and Umajesty
- 5 Williams – Athletics, 4x400m relay team (M)
- 6 31. Ian Bautista – Boxing, 57 kg (M)
- 7 32. Kurt Barbosa – Taekwondo, - 54kg (M)
- 8 33. Arven Alcantara – Taekwondo, - 68 kg (M)
- 9 34. Samuel Morrison – Taekwondo, -87 kg (M)
- 10 35. Kirstie Elaine Alora – Taekwondo, - 73kg kyorugi (W)
- 11 36. Ruben Gonzales and Francis Casey Alcantara – Tennis, doubles (M)
- 12 37. Elreen Ando – Weightlifting, 59kg (W)
- 13 38. Carlo Paalam – Boxing, 54kg (M)
- 14 39. Rena Furukawa – Judo, -57kg (W)
- 15 40. Paul Bascon – Boxing, 60kg (M)
- 16 41. Sibol: Rowgien Unigo, David Canon, Vrendon Lin, Kyle Angelo Sayson,
- 17 Nowee Macasa, Angelo Arcangel, and Marco Requitano – Esports, Mobile
- 18 Legends: Bang Bang (M)
- 19 42. Nesthy Petecio – Boxing, 57kg (W)
- 20 43. Jedah-Mae Soriano – Arnis, Full Contact Padded Stick - lightweight (W)
- 21 44. Charlotte Tolentino – Arnis, Full Contact Padded Stick - bantamweight
- 22 (W)
- 23 45. Jason Balabal – Wrestling, Greco-Roman 82kg (M)
- 24 46. Vanessa Sarno – Weightlifting, 71kg (W)
- 25 47. Cristina Vergara – Wrestling, freestyle -65kg (W)
- 26 48. Maria Ella Alcoceba – Arnis, Full Contact Live Stick - bantamweight (W)
- 27 49. Dexter Bolambao – Arnis, Full Contact Live Stick - bantamweight (M)
- 28 50. Jean Claude Saclag – Kickboxing, low kick 63.5kg (M)
- 29 51. Alvin Lobreguito – Wrestling, men’s freestyle 57kg (M)
- 30 52. Trixie Lofranco – Arnis, women’s individual anyo non-traditional open
- 31 weapon (W)

1 53. Crisamuel Delfin – Arnis, men’s individual anyo non-traditional open
2 weapon (M)

3 54. Gilas Pilipinas: CJ Perez, Marcio Lassiter, Chris Ross, Justin Brownlee,
4 Christian Standhardinger, Arvin Tolentino, Chris Newsome, Brandon
5 Ganuelas-Rosser, Michael Phillips, Mason Amos, Jerom Lastimososa and
6 Calvin Oftana. – Basketball, 5x5 (M)

7 55. Ronil Tubog – Wrestling, freestyle 61kg (M)

8 56. Gretel de Paz – Kickboxing, low kick -56kg (W)

9 57. Claudine Veloso – Kickboxing, K1 -52kg (W)

10 WHEREAS, national and regional records in various sports events were
11 shattered by Filipino athletes during the SEA Games, as in the victories of Ando who
12 raised the bar in her weightlifting class, Obiena who smashed his standing pole vault
13 mark, and Salvino who registered a record time in swimming;

14 WHEREAS, the Taekwondo national team captured six gold medals, a
15 significant leap from their previous two gold medal output in the Hanoi meet. The
16 national team of Arnis also impressed with six gold medals, as the Filipino martial arts
17 discipline debuted as a medal sport outside of the country;

18 WHEREAS, the Gilas Pilipinas Men’s team reclaimed the regional championship
19 title and reaffirmed the country’s stature as a basketball powerhouse following a
20 second-place finish in the 31st SEA Games in Vietnam;

21 WHEREAS, the wrestling team copped a total of four gold medals, its strongest
22 showing since collecting five golds in the 2005 SEA Games. Meanwhile, Team
23 Philippines swept all four gold medals and topped the men’s and women’s individual
24 and team events in obstacle course races;

25 WHEREAS, the boxing team exemplified Filipino courage and agility as it
26 garnered four gold medals, while the gymnastics team scored four golds, two of which
27 courtesy of world champion Yulo;

28 WHEREAS, the inspiring stories of our athletes, such as Ubas who finally
29 claimed his first SEA Games gold medal in men’s long jump following runner-up
30 finishes in four previous editions of the Games, and jiu-jitsu fighter Lim who clinched
31 gold in his third bid, motivate the Filipinos that they can accomplish anything with
32 consistent hard work and perseverance;


1 WHEREAS, the Filipino athletes, medallists, coaching teams, and delegates to
2 the Southeast Asian Games successfully demonstrated before the international stage
3 the athletic prowess, sportsmanship and indomitable spirit of the nation, as they
4 competed and ruled in their respective sports events;

5 WHEREAS, the athletes and the entire Philippine contingent devoted months of
6 preparation and personal training to hone their skills, self-discipline, physical strength,
7 and fortitude ultimately to become their best and proudly represent the country before
8 the regional tournament;

9 WHEREAS, the remarkable achievements and the great performance of the
10 Philippine team in the SEA Games brought immense glory, inspiration and pride to the
11 country, thus truly deserving of commendation from the Philippine Senate;

12 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to
13 commend and congratulate the Philippine delegation to the 32nd Southeast Asian
14 Games for ably representing the country and bringing home 58 gold, 85 silver and 117
15 bronze medals from the biennial meet.

Adopted,


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