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RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINE TEAM FOR THEIR IMPRESSIVE MEDAL HAUL OF A TOTAL OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN (117) MEDALS, AND WINNING THE MOST GOLD MEDALS TO DATE, DURING THE RECENTLY-CONCLUDED 12TH ASEAN PARA GAMES HELD ON JUNE 3 - 9, 2023 IN PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate on several occasions has paid tribute to exceptional Filipino athletes for their inspiring feats in the international sports arena, and bringing pride and honor to our country;

WHEREAS, the ASEAN Para Games is a biennial multi-sport event for athletes with disabilities. The 12th edition was held on June 3 - 9, 2023 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. It was participated by 1,453 athletes from eleven (11) ASEAN countries competing in 439 events for twelve (12) sports;

WHEREAS, Team Philippines' 174 athletic contingent delivered the country's best medal finish ever in the biennial para-athletic meet among Southeast Asian countries;

WHEREAS, Team Philippines has garnered the country's best medal finish to date at the ASEAN Para Games with 34 gold medals, 33 silver medals, and 50 bronze medals;

WHEREAS, notably, Team Philippines was able to break the country's records when it brought home the most gold medals, and finished fifth overall;

WHEREAS, Team Philippines won 13 gold medals in chess, 10 gold medals in both athletics and swimming. Marydol Pamati-an won the country's lone gold medal in the powerlifting event;

WHEREAS, Darry Bernardo bagged the most gold medals - contributing six in the 13-gold haul in chess, closely followed by Cheyzer Mendoza and Sander Severino who won five and two gold medals, respectively;

WHEREAS, Angel Otom led the swimming team with four gold medals. Gary Bejino, Ernie Gawilan, and Ariel Joseph Alegarbes won two gold medals each;

WHEREAS, wheelchair racer Jerrold Mangliwan, throwers Cendy Asusano, Andrei Kuizon, and Evaristo Carbonel, javelins thrower Rosalie Torrefiel and runner King James Reyes bagged double gold medal each;

WHEREAS, the remarkable achievements our Filipino para-athletes brought did not only carve their mark in history, but likewise brought honor to the country. With their indomitable spirit prevailing, they have made a lasting impact to which will inspire Filipinos, young and old, who similarly situated, to keep fighting and thriving;

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the Senate recognizes our para-athletes for their triumph that has demonstrated the prowess, passion and sportsmanship of the Filipino athletes;

WHEREAS, their triumph is a clear manifestation that no hindrance is so big that the Filipino resilient spirit cannot conquer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, to recognize and congratulate the Philippine Team for their impressive medal haul of a total of one hundred seventeen (117) medals, and winning the most gold medals to date, during the recently-concluded 12th ASEAN Para Games held on June 3 - 9, 2023 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.