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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE FILIPINO OLYMPIAN AND POLE VAULTER ERNEST JOHN UY OBIENA FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN MEN'S POLE VAULT EVENT AT THE 2023 ASIAN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN BANGKOK, THAILAND FROM JULY 12-16, 2023

WHEREAS, the Senate has, on several occasions, given recognition and commendation to outstanding Filipinos for their contribution in showcasing our nation's promising potential in the various fields and disciplines of sports and in bringing pride and honor to the country by winning in international competitions;

WHEREAS, Ernest John Uy Obiena, a 27-year-old Filipino Olympian and pole vaulter, emerged victorious in Men's Pole Vault event at the 2023 Asian Athletics Championships, the 25th edition of the said competition, held in Bangkok, Thailand from July 12-16, 2023;

WHEREAS, at the Supachalasai National Stadium, Obiena, the world's third-ranked vaulter, successfully defended his title by clearing 5.91 meters. This outstanding performance set a new event record and surpassed the previous record which he himself had set at the 2019 Asian Games in Doha, Qatar;

WHEREAS, Obiena was the sole athlete to clear 5.91 m in the said event. This victory is Obiena's second consecutive Asian title with his esteemed Ukrainian coach, Vitaly Petrov;

WHEREAS, the Philippines achieved a remarkable feat by securing two (2) gold medals in the said competition, which is the first time since the 1987 Asian championships held in Singapore;

WHEREAS, the consistent exceptional and remarkable performance of Ernest John Uy Obiena deserves the highest praise, recognition, and commendation for bringing pride and inspiration to the Filipino people and for showing to the world the unrelenting spirit of Filipino;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend the Filipino Olympian and Pole Vaulters Ernest John Uy Obiena for winning the gold medal in Men's Pole Vault event at the 2023 Asian Athletics Championships held in Bangkok, Thailand from July 12-16, 2023.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator