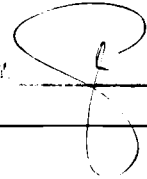


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RESOLUTION
COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING ALL THE FILIPINO MEDALISTS OF
THE 19th ASIAN GAMES

1 WHEREAS, the Asian Games, also known as Asiad, is an International Olympic
2 Committee-recognized multi-sport event held once in every four years and participated
3 by numerous countries all over Asia;

4 WHEREAS, this year, the Philippines sent around 400 strong Filipino athletes to
5 compete in the 19th iteration of the Asian Games held in Hangzhou, People's Republic
6 of China from September 23 to October 8, 2023;

7 WHEREAS, the country garnered a total of eighteen (18) medals – four (4) gold
8 medals, two (2) silver medals, and twelve (12) bronze medals. This significant feat
9 secured the Philippines a 17th overall finish in the final medal tally out of the 45
10 countries that took part in this year's Asian Games;

11 WHEREAS, the four (4) gold medals were successfully brought home by EJ
12 Obiena in Pole Vault, Meggie Ochoa in the women's -47 kg jiu-jitsu, Annie Ramirez in
13 the women's -57 kg jiu-jitsu, and the Gilas Pilipinas in the men's 5x5 basketball
14 tournament;

15 WHEREAS, the two (2) silver medals were from Eumir Marcial in the men's 75
16 kg boxing tournament and Arnel Mandal in the men's 56 kg Sanda-Wushu;

17 WHEREAS, the twelve (12) bronze medals were due to the efforts of the
18 following:

- 19 1. Patrick Coo (BMX racing)
- 20 2. Kaila Napolis (jiu-jitsu)
- 21 3. Sakura Alforte (Karate)

- 1 4. Rheyjey Ortouste, Jason Huerte, Vince Torno, Mark Joseph Gonzales,
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4 Gabayeron, Jom Lerry Rafael (Sepak Takraw men's regu)
- 5 6. Patrick King Perez (Poomsae)
- 6 7. Alex Eala (Tennis singles)
- 7 8. Alex Eala and Francis Casey Alcantara (Tennis mixed doubles)
- 8 9. Elreen Ann Ando (Weightlifting)
- 9 10. Gideon Fred Padua (Wushu)
- 10 11. Clemente Tabugara (Wushu)
- 11 12. Jones Llabres Inso (Wushu)

12 WHEREAS, for their outstanding contribution to the Philippine sports, they are
13 entitled to cash incentives by virtue of Republic Act 10699 or An Act Expanding the
14 Coverage of Incentives Granted to National Athletes and Coaches. Asian Games
15 winners in individual events especially the gold medalists will receive P2,000,000, the
16 silver medalists P1,000,000, and the bronze medalists P400,000 each. For
17 competitions with less than five (5) participants per team, the team shall receive the
18 same cash incentives for individual medal winners, to be divided equally among the
19 team members actually present during the competition. For competitions with five (5)
20 or more participants per team, each team member shall receive twenty-five percent
21 (25%) of the cash incentives for individual medal winners;

22 WHEREAS, under the same law, "national athletes and other athletes who
23 surpass Philippine record or ranking in any measurable international sports
24 competition shall be given cash incentives, the amount of which may be determined
25 by the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC);"

26 WHEREAS, this year's placing is historic being the Philippines' best Asian Games
27 performance since the 1994 Asian Games in Japan 29 years ago, when Filipino athletes
28 secured 14th place with three golds, two silvers, and eight bronze medals. During the
29 same event, the Gilas Pilipinas basketball team, under the leadership of Coach Tim
30 Cone, achieved a momentous victory, marking the first time since 1962 that they
31 emerged triumphant by defeating Jordan in the Asiad basketball championship game;

1 WHEREAS, our athletes' victory not only brought immense pride and joy to the
2 Philippines but also showcased the undeniable talent and sportsmanship of our
3 athletes on the international stage;

4 WHEREAS, this will also serve as an inspiration to the youth of our nation,
5 encouraging them to pursue excellence in sports and embrace the values of grit,
6 discipline, teamwork, and perseverance;

7 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the
8 Senate of the Philippines to commend and congratulate all the Filipino medalists of
9 the 19th Asian Games.

Adopted,



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