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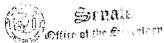
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Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

P. S. Res. No. <u>861</u>

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINE CONTINGENT TO THE 2023 WORLD COMBAT GAMES HELD IN RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA FROM 20-30 OCTOBER 2023 FOR WINNING THREE (3) GOLD, FIVE (5) SILVER AND FIVE (5) BRONZE MEDALS

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has consistently recognized outstanding Filipino athletes for their remarkable achievements in prestigious international sports competitions thereby bringing pride and honor to the country;

WHEREAS, the World Combat Games is an elite international multi-sport festival which features combat sports and martial arts competitions, sports demonstration and educational conferences;

WHEREAS, the 3rd edition of the World Combat Games was held in King Saud University Arena in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 20-30 October 2023, and presented sixteen combat sports, namely Aikido, Armwrestling, Boxing, Fencing, Judo, Jiu-Jitsu, Karate, Kendo, Kickboxing, Muaythai, Sambo (Russian wrestling), Savate (French boxing), Sumo, Taekwondo, Wrestling, and Wushu. It was participated by around 1,700 top athletes from 80 countries¹;

WHEREAS, the Philippine contingent composed of 19 athletes won a total of 13 medals – three gold, five silver and five bronze, and ranked 20th overall. It is the country's best standing since its last appearance in the inaugural World Combat Games in 2010 which was held in Beijing, People's Republic of China when it went emptyhanded;

¹ https://olympics.com/en/news/world-combat-games-2023-preview-full-schedule-watch

WHEREAS, the following athletes brought home gold medals for the country: Jenna Kaila Napolis – Women's 52-kg event, Jiu-Jitsu; Rhichein Yosorez and Alyssa Kylie Mallari – Mixed Mai Muay, Muaythai; and Darius Venerable – Men's Individual Poomsae, Taekwondo;

WHEREAS, the following secured second place podium finishes: Ariel Lee Lampacan and Phillip Delarmino – Mixed Mai Muay, Muaythai; Islay Erika Bomogao – Women's Wai Kru, Muaythai; Clemente Tabugara, Jr. – Men's 65-kg, Wushu; Agatha Chrystenzen Wong – Women's Taolu Taijiquan and Taijijian, Wushu; and Rudzma Abubakar – Women's 48-kg event, Muaythai;

WHEREAS, the country's haul was further enriched by bronze medallists: Fierre Afan – Men's Grappling Gi 71-kg event, Wrestling; Maria Aisa Ratcliff – Women's Grappling Gi 53-kg event, Wrestling; Thornton Sayan – Men's Taolu Nanquan and Nangun, Wushu; Jones Inso – Men's Taolu Taijiquan and Taijijian, Wushu; and Juvenile Faye Crisostomo and Justin Kobe Macario – Mixed Pair Poomsae, Taekwondo;

WHEREAS, the Philippine contingent delivered excellent performances in their respective disciplines and brought to the fore the Filipino fighters' and martial artists' courage, agility, grace, power, and resilience;

WHEREAS, their immense dedication and perseverance serve as inspiration for the younger population to also follow the path of sports excellence;

WHEREAS, their exemplary achievements before the international sports arena following their hard work, commitment to rigorous trainings and love of country, brought great pride and honor to the country, and merit the Philippine Senate's commendation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to commend and congratulate the Philippine contingent to the 2023 World Combat Games held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from 20-30 October 2023 for winning three (3) gold, five (5) silver and five (5) bronze medals;

- 1 RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be given to each of the
- 2 Filipino medallists.

Adopted,

JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA