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**RESOLUTION**

**CONFERRING THE PHILIPPINE SENATE MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE TO FILIPINO GYMNAST CARLOS EDRIEL "CALOY" POQUIZ YULO FOR MAKING HISTORY AT THE 2024 PARIS OLYMPICS, AS THE FIRST FILIPINO TO WIN TWO GOLD OLYMPIC MEDALS**

**WHEREAS**, on 3 August 2024, Filipino gymnast Carlos Edriel "Caloy" Poquiz Yulo made history by clinching the Philippines' first medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics in the men's artistic gymnastics floor exercise finals with a score of 15.000;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, 24 hours after, Yulo executed another golden performance in the men's artistic gymnastics exercise vault finals, garnering a total score of 15.116, with his first attempt marked at 15.433 and his second attempt marked at 14.800;<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the 24-year-old gymnast's achievement etched his name in Philippine Olympic history as it marks the first-ever medal for the Philippines in artistic gymnastics, the first Filipino to win two medals in a single Olympics, the first Filipino double gold medalist, and the first Filipino male athlete to win an Olympic gold medal;<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Demigillo, K. (2024, August 3). History! Carlos Yulo bags Philippines' first-ever Olympic gold medal in floor exercise of Paris 2024. *OneSports Philippines*. <https://www.onesports.ph/paris-2024/article/23244/historic-moment-carlos-yulo-bags-philippines-first-gold-medal-in-floor-exercise-in-paris-2024>

<sup>2</sup> Micaller, B. (2024, August 4). Carlos Yulo rules vault finals for second Olympic gold. *GMA News*. <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/sports/othersports/915898/carlos-yulo-gold-vault-2024-paris-olympics/story/>

<sup>3</sup> Caramoan, M. (2024, August 4). Carlos Yulo wins second gold medal at the Paris Olympics. *ESPN*. [https://www.espn.ph/olympics/story/\\_/id/40724329/carlos-yulo-wins-second-gold-medal-paris-olympics](https://www.espn.ph/olympics/story/_/id/40724329/carlos-yulo-wins-second-gold-medal-paris-olympics)

**WHEREAS**, hailing from Leveriza, Manila, the golden boy started his athletic journey at the age of seven, and later on, his talent was discovered in the 2009 Palarong Pambansa, where he won a gold medal for the National Capital Region team in the boys' artistic gymnastics category;<sup>4</sup>

**WHEREAS**, aside from his two new gold medal additions, he also won two gold medals from the 2019 and 2021 World Championships, ten gold medals from the 2022, 2023, and 2024 Asian Championships, and lastly, nine gold medals from the 2019, 2021, and 2023 Southeast Asian Games;<sup>5</sup>

**WHEREAS**, as one of the personalities named in the *Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia 2020* for Entertainment and Sports, Yulo is also known for being the first Filipino to win a medal at the 2018 World Championships with a bronze, the first Southeast Asian male world champion<sup>6</sup> and first Filipino gymnast to win a gold medal at the 2019 World Artistic Gymnastics Championships, and won two gold medals and one bronze medal at the 2021 World Championships;<sup>7</sup>

**WHEREAS**, his tremendous list of achievements, titles, and medals without a doubt paints him as the most decorated gymnast in Philippine sports history and the most successful Southeast Asian gymnast in Olympic history,<sup>8</sup> and serves as a testament to his sheer hard work and dedication in his many years as an athlete;

**WHEREAS**, Yulo's victory embodies the importance of strengthening our national grassroots program to discover more homegrown talents and provide various means of support as they learn how to hone their skills and abilities, eventually becoming elite and professional athletes;

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<sup>4</sup> Navarro, J. (2024, August 5). Carlos Yulo's Olympic gold medal haul caps decade of struggle. *Inquirer*. <https://sports.inquirer.net/578332/yulos-gold-caps-decade-of-struggle>.

<sup>5</sup> Delfin, D. (2024, August 5). LIST: Carlos Yulo's gymnastics medal record. *Rappler*. <https://www.rappler.com/sports/list-carlos-yulo-gymnastics-medal-record/>

<sup>6</sup> Profile: Carlos Yulo. (2020). *Forbes*. <https://www.forbes.com/profile/carlos-yulo/>

<sup>7</sup> Rappler.com. (2021, October 23). Highlights: Carlos Yulo in 2021 Artistics Gymnastics World Championships. *Rappler*. <https://www.rappler.com/sports/updates-carlos-yulo-2021-artistic-gymnastics-world-championships/>

<sup>8</sup> Assortedge [@assortedge]. (2024, August 5). *In the know Olympic champion Carlos Edriel Yulo*. [Photograph]. Instagram. <https://www.instagram.com/p/C-QTYFISkq4/?igsh=eWY0c3kxNG5ld3V3>

**WHEREAS**, while continuing to make history as an accomplished gymnast, Yulo serves as an inspiration to many Filipinos, who embody innate passion, perseverance, and diligence, and have the same dream of bringing pride and honor to our country;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Senate of the Philippines confers the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence to Filipino gymnast Carlos Edriel “Caloy” Poquiz Yulo for making history at the 2024 Paris Olympics, as the First Filipino to win two gold Olympic medals.

*Adopted,*

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