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RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING TEAM PHILIPPINES FOR THEIR IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE IN PARIS 2024 OLYMPICS - BRINGING HOME A HISTORICAL HAUL OF FOUR MEDALS, WITH TWO GOLD MEDALS, AND FOR MAKING IT THE COUNTRY'S BEST PERFORMANCE EVER IN THE OLYMPICS SINCE 1924

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has, on several occasions, given recognition to outstanding Filipinos for their exemplary feats of bringing honor and glory to the country;

WHEREAS, 2024 Summer Olympics, the XXXIII edition of the Olympics and officially branded as Paris 2024, is an international multi-sport quadrennial event which took place from 24 July to 11 August 2024 in France. It is considered as the world's most prestigious multi-sports competition with more than 200 competing country delegations hoping to break personal and world records in sports history;

WHEREAS, this year's edition marks the 100th year of Filipino athletes competing at the Summer Olympics Games - the first being in Paris 1924 Olympics as representatives of the first Southeast Asian country to compete;

WHEREAS, Team Philippines is represented by twenty-two (22) athletes across nine (9) sports - athletics, boxing, fencing, golf, gymnastics, judo, rowing, swimming, and weightlifting - in the Paris 2024 Olympics;

WHEREAS, Team Philippines brought home four medals - 2 golds and 2 bronzes in the world's largest athletic competition; marking the country's best performance ever. It gives the country a continuing winning streak as the top performing Southeast Asian country since Tokyo 2020 Olympics;

WHEREAS, Team Philippines hauled medals from gymnastics and boxing thus bringing the country's Olympics medal tally to eighteen (18) medals - 3 golds, 5 silvers and 10 bronzes, in its 23rd appearance in the Olympics;

WHEREAS, the nation's gymnast par excellence, Carlos Yulo, is the country's first double-gold performer in the Olympics after securing gold medals in the men's vault and floor exercise of artistic gymnastics. He is recognized as the country's "golden boy" after becoming the first Filipino to secure two medals in the same Olympics, and first to achieve podium finish in gymnastics;

WHEREAS, Nesthy Petecio became the first Filipino boxer to win multiple Olympics medals as she bagged bronze in the semifinals of women's 57-kilogram (kg) division;

WHEREAS, first time Olympics medalist Aira Villegas, blooms into a promising face of the Filipina boxing and women's sports in general after securing bronze medals in the 50-kg category;

WHEREAS, Filipino pole vault sensation and World No. 2 EJ Obiena gave a strong performance - finishing fourth place, and showing significant leap from his 11th-place finish in Tokyo 2020 Olympics;

WHEREAS, Filipina-American trackster Lauren Hoffman concluded her debut in the Olympics, finishing seventh in the repechage round of the women's 400m hurdles. Before bowing out of the race for medal due to his hip injury, John Cabang Tolentino moved to repechage round after upon finishing 6th in his heat in the first round;

WHEREAS, Bianca Pagdanganan finished fourth place in the women's golf competition thereby setting the highest finish of a Filipino golfer in the Olympics. Her fellow Olympian Dottie Ardina made it to the 13th place;

WHEREAS, three women gymnasts - Aleah Finnegan, Emma Malabuyo, and Levi Jung-Ruivivar made their most graceful movements in representing the country in the gymnastics routines. They are also the first Filipina gymnast-representatives to represent the country in six decades in the Olympics;

WHEREAS, Tokyo 2020 Silver medalist, Carlo Paalam gave a good fight despite losing via a split decision in the Boxing men's 57-kg division. Likewise, Tokyo 2020 bronze medalist Eumir Marcial (Men's 80kg) and first-time Olympian Hergie Bacyadan (Women's 75kg) gave their best punches in their respective bouts;

WHEREAS, the country was represented by three weightlifting champions led by Elreen Ando who was able to finish her competition, ending in sixth in the women's 59-kg division. John Ceniza (Men's 61kg) and Vanessa Sarno (Women's 71kg) gave their all-out best lift in their respective divisions;

WHEREAS, swimmer Kayla Sanchez finished seventh and clocked a new Philippine record of 54.21 seconds at the semifinals of the women's 100-meter freestyle; while Jarod Hatch clocked placed 8th in the Heat 2 of Men's 100m Butterfly;

WHEREAS, rower Joanie Delgaco (Women's Single Sculls) recorded her fastest time and finished 20th overall, despite her knee issues, fencer Samantha Catantan (Women's Foil) held her own against two-time world champion, and judoka Kiyomi Watanabe (Women's - 63kg) held her ground for as long as she could against her opponent;

WHEREAS, the historic and record-breaking achievements by the Filipino Olympians, which can be considered as the country's best Olympics stint in history, proves that Filipino are among the best and brightest in the global arena of sports;

WHEREAS, the 22-strong Philippine contingent in the Paris 2024 Olympics has served as an epitome of the "quintessence of Filipino spirit" defining the nation's continuous showcase of perseverance, discipline and excellence;

WHEREAS, their participation in the quadrennial sporting event is proof of unfolding historical milestones beyond chasing medals. They are exemplars in their respective fields who shine their light of inspiration to our next generations of athletes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, to commend and congratulate Team Philippines for their impressive performance in Paris 2024 Olympics - bringing home a historical haul of four medals, with two gold medals, and for making it the Country's best performance ever in the Olympics since 1924.

Adopted,

RAMON BONG REVILLA JR.

PARIS 2024 OLYMPICS Team Philippines

ATHLETICS

- 1. Ernest John "EJ" Uy Obiena (Men's Pole Vault)
- 2. Lauren Hoffman (Women's 400m Hurdles)
- 3. John Cabang Tolentino (Men's 110m Hurdles)

BOXING

- 4. Nesthy "Nesh" Alcayde Petecio (Women's 57kg) 1 bronze medal
- 5. Carlo Paalam (Men's 57kg)
- 6. Eumir Felix De Los Marcial (Men's 80kg)
- 7. Hergie Tao-Wag Bacyadan (Women's 75kg)
- 8. Aira Villegas (Women's 50kg) 1 Bronze Medal 1 bronze medal

GYMNASTICS

- 9. Carlos Edriel "Caloy" Poquiz Yulo(Men's Artistic Gymnastics) 2 gold medals
- 10. Aleah Cruz Finnegan (Women's Artistic Gymnastics)
- 11. Emma Lauren Malabuyo (Women's Artistic Gymnastics)
- 12. Levi Jung-Ruivivar (Women's Artistic Gymnastics)

WEIGHTLIFTING

- 13. Elreen Ann Quinilitan Ando (Women's 59kg)
- 14. John Febiar Ceniza (Men's 61kg)
- 15. Vanessa Palomar Sarno (Women's 71kg)

GOLF

- 16. Bianca Isabel Pagdanganan (Women's Individual Stroke Play)
- 17. Dottie Ardina (Women's Individual Stroke Play)

SWIMMING

- 18. Kayla Noelle Sanchez (Women's 100m Freestyle)
- 19. Jarod Jason Lang Hatch (Men's 100m Butterfly)

ROWING

20. Joanie Talagtag Delgaco (Women's Single Sculls)

FENCING

21. Samantha Kyle Catantan (Women's Foil)

JUDO

22. Kiyomi Watanabe (Women's -63kg)