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RESOLUTION

**COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE SPECIAL OLYMPICS
TEAM FOR THEIR SIGNIFICANT AND VICTORIOUS PARTICIPATION IN THE
2007 SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD SUMMER GAMES HELD IN SHANGHAI,
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON OCTOBER 2-11, 2007
WHEREIN THEY BROUGHT HOME NINE GOLD MEDALS GIVING
OUR COUNTRY GREAT PRIDE, HONOR AND RECOGNITION**

WHEREAS, Special Olympics is an international organization created to help people with intellectual disabilities develop self-confidence, social skills and a sense of personal accomplishment through sports training and competition;

WHEREAS, over two million athletes of all ages are involved in Special Olympics sports programs in more than 150 countries;

WHEREAS, Special Olympics events are geared to accommodate a variety of levels of ability so that athletes with intellectual disabilities can compete with others who have similar capabilities;

WHEREAS, the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games was held in Shanghai, People's Republic of China from October 2 to 11, 2007;

WHEREAS, this marks the first time that this event will be held in Asia and only the second time it will be held outside the United States of America;

WHEREAS, almost 7,500 athletes throughout the globe have participated in this year's World Summer Games for Special Olympics which also drew 40,000 volunteers, 3,500 event officials and thousands of families, volunteers, spectators and journalists from every continent;

WHEREAS, with only 88-member delegation including coaches and training staff, the Philippine Special Olympics Team has significantly participated in this year's Games and was able to come back home victorious with nine gold medals in tow;

WHEREAS, the athlete-members of the Philippine Special Olympics Team with the support of their coaches and families have all done their very best in representing our country in the various athletic event competitions through their unwavering resolve and unbending determination;

WHEREAS, special mention and recognition should be given and extended to the following athlete-members of the Philippine Special Olympics Team for having triumphantly emerged as first placers in their corresponding athletic events:

ART EDISON BIARCAL	– Bocce Singles (Men’s Division)
LOUIES JOHN DECOLONGON	– Powerlifting
CATHY DEMAFILES	– Bocce Singles (Women’s Division)
CHRISTINE JOY GALURA	– Gymnastics (Rhythmic Ribbon)
ROXANNE NG	– Bowling (Mixed Doubles)
JESUS PACALDO	– Athletics/Track and Field (800M Run)
ANTON SILOS	– Bowling (Mixed Doubles)
DELMER TAWATAO	– Badminton Singles (Men’s Division)
EUGENIO TORRES	– Bocce Singles (Men’s Division)

WHEREAS, by their sheer hard work and perseverance to compete in the 10-day World Summer Games, all the athletes as well as the coaches and training staff of the Philippine Special Olympics Team truly deserved to be collectively commended for having faithfully subscribed and adhered to the Special Olympics Oath which is, "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt";

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to commend the members of the Philippine Special Olympics Team for their significant and victorious participation in the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games held in Shanghai, People’s Republic of China on October 2-11, 2007 wherein they brought home nine gold medals giving our country great pride, honor and recognition.

Adopted,


MANNY VILLAR
Senator