


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RESOLUTION

COMMENDING SEN. PILAR JULIANA "COMPAÑERA PIA" S. CAYETANO FOR HER UNWAVERING DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO HER ATHLETIC ENDEAVOURS AND TO CONGRATULATE THE SENATOR FOR HER EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE IN THE GRUELING 2007 AVIVA IRONMAN 70.3 IN SINGAPORE AND THE 2007 IRONMAN WESTERN AUSTRALIA COMPETITIONS

WHEREAS Pilar Juliana "Compañera Pia" S. Cayetano, lawyer, mother, entrepreneur and duly elected senator, is also known for her deep and abiding passion for sports;

WHEREAS the once youngest member of the University of the Philippines Volleyball Team actively pursues this consuming interest by participating in competitions at home and abroad;

WHEREAS despite her election to the Senate in 2004, her athletic passions have grown bigger, engaging in more difficult and disciplined sports competitions: duathlon and triathlon;

WHEREAS in 2005, Senator Compañera Pia competed in the World Duathlon Championships in New Castle, Australia where she placed 606th overall out of 654 finishers with a time of 3 hours, 14 minutes and 36 seconds;

WHEREAS in 2006, Senator Compañera Pia entered the 10km run, 40 km bike and 5 km run Duathlon Event in the River Mekong Multi-Sports Festival in Thailand where she clocked 2 hours and 42 minutes;

WHEREAS on November 5, 2006, she also joined the New York City Marathon, which is considered the world's biggest annual long-distance foot race that cuts through the city's five boroughs of Staten Island, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx and Manhattan clocking 4 hours, 6 minutes and 28 seconds and taking the 14,080th spot among the 37,954 finishers. She also placed 2,772nd in the Women's Division and 516th in her age category in the same marathon competition;

WHEREAS in September 2007, together with a thousand sports enthusiasts across the globe, she joined the Singapore Aviva Ironman, the first 70.3 triathlon event in Asia consisting of a 1.9 km. swim, 90 km. bike and 21 km. run, with a ranking of 379th overall and 5th among the females aged 40 to 44 category;

WHEREAS just last December 2, 2007, she joined the Ironman Western Australia in Brusselton with 22 other athletes from the Philippines, and contended against 997 triathletes;

WHEREAS she finished the 3.8 km. open water swim, 180 km. bike and 42 km. run in a total of 14 hours, 13 minutes and 44 seconds, clocking 1 hour and 25 minutes in swimming, 7 hours and 31 minutes in biking and 5 hours and 16 minutes in running;

WHEREAS Senator Compañera Pia is one of the only ten Filipinas who has done the Ironman distance, proving that "anything is possible" with dedication, perseverance and single-mindedness in her athletic pursuits;

WHEREAS preparations for these events are not an easy task, requiring rigorous and long hours of training and practice to inculcate self-discipline and build endurance as well as mental toughness, not to mention the sizable expenses incurred in training for and joining competitions;

WHEREAS in her blog, Senator Compañera Pia writes that she do morning bike rides /runs 4-5 days a week and one or two early evening swimming sessions regularly;

WHEREAS Senator Compañera Pia was able to accomplish these exploits in spite of the fulltime demands of her work in the Philippine Senate, particularly being the Chairperson of the Committee on Health and Demography, the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and the Ethics Committee as well as Co-Chairperson of the Joint Congressional Oversight Committees on Solid Waste Management Act, the Clean Water Act and the Clean Air Act;

WHEREAS Senator Compañera Pia's sports feat is also coupled with her duties as a family woman and mother as well as a successful entrepreneur;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to commend Sen. Pilar Juliana "Compañera Pia" S. Cayetano for her unwavering dedication and commitment to her athletic endeavors and to congratulate the senator for her exemplary performance in the grueling 2007 Aviva Ironman 70.3 in Singapore and the 2007 Ironman Western Australia Competitions.

Adopted,


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