

Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
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RESOLUTION NO. 8

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING
MARESTELLA TORRES-SUNANG FOR WINNING
GOLD IN THE WOMEN'S LONG JUMP EVENT IN
THE KAZAKHSTAN OPEN HELD LAST JULY 4,
2016, AND BREAKING THE PHILIPPINE RECORD
IN LONG JUMP

WHEREAS, competitive trials for the 2016 Olympics are currently under way around the world with hundreds of athletes participating in various sports vying for spots in their respective national teams, and among the numerous tournaments is the Kazakhstan Open that served as a significant proving ground for our own prospective Olympians;

WHEREAS, Filipina athlete Marestella Torres-Sunang won gold in the women's long jump at the Kazakhstan Open last July 4, 2016, after setting a record-breaking leap of 6.72 meters that exceeded the 2016 Olympic standard of 6.70 meters and her very own Philippine long jump record of 6.71 meters;

WHEREAS, the long jumper, who hails from San Jose, Negros Oriental, accomplished this exceptional feat during her sixth and final attempt at the same event despite having to compete under unfavorable conditions exacerbated by ceaseless wind and rain;


WHEREAS, Marestella Torres-Sunang is indeed a welcome addition to the Philippine athletics selection for the 2016 Olympics together with marathoner Mary Joy Tabal and hurdler Eric Cray who would bring the Philippines closer to its first gold medal in Olympics;

WHEREAS, the seasoned long jumper deserves proper recognition and acclaim having competed in two previous Olympics, 2008 Beijing and 2012 London, and has accumulated four gold medals and one bronze medal in the last five Southeast Asian Games from 2005 until 2015 including several podium finishes in other Asian tournaments;

WHEREAS, Marestella Torres-Sunang has once again proved the brilliance of Filipinos in sports after not only winning the gold medal, but also surpassing the current national record in long jump that serves as a prime example for all athletes to achieve the best in spite of insurmountable odds: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Philippines commend Marestella Torres-Sunang for her record-setting achievement in winning gold in the women's long jump event of the Kazakhstan Open that qualified her for the 2016 Rio Olympics which improved the prestige of Philippine sports and now serves as an inspiration for all Filipinos in achieving excellence.

Adopted,


AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on
August 10, 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lutgardo B. Barbo', with a large, dark scribble over the beginning of the name.

LUTGARDO B. BARBO
Secretary of the Senate

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