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## RESOLUTION No. 112

RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE TEAM FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE IN THE 19<sup>TH</sup> ASIAN GAMES HELD IN HANGZHOU, CHINA

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 19 of the Constitution mandates that "the State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry";

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has consistently paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for their remarkable contributions, particularly those which earn international recognition and bring glory and honor to our country;

WHEREAS, the Asian Games is a continental multi-sport event held once every four years among athletes from all over Asia. It is the oldest and most prestigious event on the calendar of the Olympic Council of Asia, tracing its roots to the inaugural edition in 1951;

WHEREAS, the 19<sup>th</sup> edition of the Asian Games was held in Hangzhou, China from 23 September to 08 October 2023, with more than 12,000 athletes from the 45 members of the Olympic Council of Asia participating in 481 events across 40 sports and 61 disciplines;

WHEREAS, the Philippines concluded its participation in the 19<sup>th</sup> Asian Games by achieving a commendable feat of securing a total of 18 medals: four gold medals, two silver medals, and 12 bronze medals;

WHEREAS, Ernest John Obiena successfully secured the country's first gold medal in the 19<sup>th</sup> Asian Games. He emerged as the sole athlete to clear the 5.75-meter mark, thereby earning the gold medal, and establishing a new Asian Games record of 5.90 meters;

WHEREAS, Margarita 'Meggie' Ochoa and Annie Ramirez won two gold medals in the women's 48kg and 57kg Jiu-jitsu competitions, respectively. Their win not only brought honor and glory to our nation, but also serve as an inspiration to the youth for the promotion of women empowerment;

WHEREAS, the national basketball team, Gilas Pilipinas, captured the country's first men's basketball gold medal since 1962. This achievement was marked by their stunning victory over host China in the semifinals, followed by an impressive triumph against Jordan in the finals;

WHEREAS, the two silver medals were from Arnel Roa Mandal's outstanding performance in the men's 56kg wushu event and Eumir Felix Marcial's powerful fight in the men's 80kg division for boxing;

WHEREAS, the Filipino athletes who won bronze medals include taekwondo Patrick King Perez; wushu artists Jones Llabres Ligligen Inso, Clemente Pabatang Tabugara Jr., and Gideon Fred Wayan Padua; tennis players Alexandra Maniego Eala and Francis Casey Alcantara; BMX cyclist Patrick Bren Coo; weightlifter Elreen Ann Quinilitan Ando; karateka Sakura Alforte; Jiu-jitsu fighter Jenna Kaila Napolis; and the Philippine sepak takraw team comprised of Jason Huerte, Mark Joseph Gonzales, Rheyjey Ortouste, Ronsited Gabayeron, Jom Rafael and Vince Torno;

Whereas, the entire Philippine delegation of 395 athletes who competed in 37 sports exemplified dedication and perseverance during the 19<sup>th</sup> Asian Games, together with their coaches, the national sports associations and staff, the Philippine Olympic Committee, the Philippine Sports Commission, and other agencies who worked hard to support the Philippine team;

WHEREAS, the resounding success of Team Philippines not only raised the bar for Filipino athletes but also brought pride and honor to the country: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To commend and congratulate the members of the Philippine Team for their exemplary performance in the 19<sup>th</sup> Asian Games held in Hangzhou, China.

Adopted,

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President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 13, 2024.

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