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RESOLUTION No. 131

RESOLUTION CONFERRING THE PHILIPPINE SENATE MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE ON CARLOS EDRIEL YULO FOR WINNING TWO (2) GOLD MEDALS IN THE MEN'S FLOOR EXERCISE AND VAULT EVENTS AT THE 2024 SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES IN PARIS, FRANCE

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has consistently recognized Filipinos whose outstanding achievements in prestigious international competitions brought immense pride and honor to the country;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 110, adopted on August 23, 2021, establishes the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence to recognize, honor, and commend outstanding Filipinos for their exemplary service, outstanding achievements, and invaluable contributions to nation-building. It provides that the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence shall be conferred upon Filipinos who are awarded an Olympic medal, among others;

WHEREAS, the Olympic Games is an international multi-sport quadrennial event and is considered the world's foremost sports competition with delegations from more than 200 competing teams representing sovereign states and territories;

WHEREAS, Filipino Olympian and gymnast Carlos Edriel Poquiz Yulo, more popularly known as Carlos Yulo, made history and brought immense pride to the country after earning two (2) gold medals at the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris, France;

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2024, Yulo won his first Olympic gold medal in the men's floor exercise event, becoming the first male Filipino athlete to achieve such a feat, with a near-perfect routine score of 15.000 points: 6.600 points for difficulty and 8.400 points for execution, surpassing top competitors, including the defending gold medalist from Israel;

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2024, Yulo continued his historic performance in the Olympics by securing another gold medal in the men's vault finals with an impressive score of 15.166 points, including a remarkable 15.433 points on his first vault and 14.800 points on his second;

WHEREAS, born in Malate, Manila, on February 16, 2000, Yulo began his gymnastics journey at the age of seven when his grandfather Rodrigo Frisco noticed his interest in the sport, brought him to the Gymnastics Association of the Philippines and enrolled him in a free training program offered by the Philippine Sports Commission;

WHEREAS, a product of the *Palarong Pambansa*, Yulo has been an exceptional gymnast since the debut of his international career, being the first Filipino and the first male Southeast Asian gymnast to earn a rank at the World Artistic Gymnastics Championships with a bronze medal for the floor exercise in 2018 and a gold medal for the same event in 2019;

WHEREAS, before his remarkable Olympics success, Yulo won gold medals in the men's floor exercise in Stuttgart, Germany in 2019 and at the FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Championships men's vault event in Kitakyushu, Japan in 2021;

WHEREAS, dubbed as the "Golden Boy", Yulo has consistently raised the Philippine flag as a ten-time Asian champion and a nine-time Southeast Asian Games champion, and by scoring numerous victories under his belt, including gold and bronze medals in the floor and vault events at the 2021 All-Japan Senior Championships, two individual golds and a team silver at the 2023 Southeast Asian Games in Cambodia;

WHEREAS, being only the second Filipino to ever win an Olympic gold medal, Yulo cemented himself as one of the most successful and accomplished athletes in Philippine sports, rightfully earning him a spot in the pantheon of the nation's greatest sports heroes;

WHEREAS, Yulo deserves the highest accolades and recognition from the Philippine Senate for his remarkable feat that has brought honor and prestige to our beloved country and stands as a symbol of hope and inspiration to the Filipino nation, epitomizing the standards of excellence, nationalism, hard work, and virtue that Filipinos can aspire for: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To confer the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence on Carlos Edriel Yulo for winning two (2) gold medals in the men's floor exercise and vault events at the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris, France.

Adopted.

FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO

President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 14, 2024.

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Secretary of the Senate