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SENATE

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Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III

RESOLUTION
COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
SENATOR JUAN MIGUEL "MIGZ" F. ZUBIRI FOR
HIS APPOINTMENT AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
2019 PHILIPPINE SEA GAMES ORGANIZING
COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) is a biennial multi-sport event involving participants from eleven countries in Southeast Asia, namely, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Brunei, Timor Leste, and the Philippines. The SEA Games was created with the belief that a regional sports event will help promote cooperation, understanding, and relations among countries in the region;

WHEREAS, the Philippines expressed its interest in taking over the 30th edition of the SEA Games in 2019 after Brunei announced its withdrawal as host. For this reason, the 2019 Philippine SEA Games Organizing Committee (PhilSOC) was created to be the organizing group that will plan and put into motion the country's hosting of the SEA Games. In May 2017, Senator Juan Miguel "Migz" F. Zubiri was appointed by President Rodrigo R. Duterte as Chairman of PhilSOC;

WHEREAS, Senator Zubiri is a veteran legislator, having served the Third District of Bukidnon from 1998 to 2007. In 2008, he became the youngest to be elected as Senate Majority Leader at the age of 39. He is the principal author and sponsor of more than twenty laws. Although the focus of his legislation revolves around cooperatives and

environmental concerns, Senator Zubiri is likewise an athlete and even

became a World Champion of Arnis;

WHEREAS, according to Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) Chairman William I. Ramirez, the role of Senator Zubiri as Chairman of PhilSOC is to represent the President and the government in running the organizing committee. Both the PSC and the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), the two key forces that will be behind the country's hosting of the 30th edition of the SEA Games, welcomed this development as this will jumpstart the preparations for the prestigious event;

WHEREAS, the Philippines first hosted the SEA Games in 1981. It was in 2005 that the Philippines last hosted the biennial event with the theme "One Heritage, One Southeast Asia" which emphasized unity and cooperation among the member nations. Aside from being the host in 2005, the Philippines emerged as the over-all champion garnering 291 medals (113 golds, 84 silvers, 94 bronzes);

WHEREAS, hosting the SEA Games is a daunting task, thus Senator Zubiri, who is well suited for the chairmanship post being an athlete himself, must be commended for taking up the challenge of steering the PhilSOC to surpass the performance of the Philippines in the 2005 SEA Games with the hopes of achieving our second overall championship, proving to the international community that the resiliency and determination of Filipino athletes are unparalleled;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT SENATOR JUAN MIGUEL "MIGZ" F. ZUBIRI BE COMMENDED AND CONGRATULATED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE FOR HIS APPOINTMENT AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE 2019 PHILIPPINE SEA GAMES ORGANIZING COMMITTEE.

Adopted,

AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III