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RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING POLE VAULT STAR
ERNEST JOHN OBIENA FOR SUCCESSFULLY WINNING THE GOLD
MEDAL IN THE 23RD ASIAN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THE
30TH SUMMER UNIVERSAIDE 2019

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the 1987 Constitution dictates that the State recognizes the vital
2 role of sports in fostering patriotism and nationalism, accelerating social
3 progress and promoting total human liberation and development;
- 4 **WHEREAS**, Article XIV, Section 19 of the Philippine Constitution further
5 mandates that "the State shall promote physical education and encourage
6 sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training
7 for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork and
8 excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.";
- 9 **WHEREAS**, last April 21, 2019, pole vault star Ernest John "EJ" Obiena reigned
10 supreme and won the gold medal at the 23rd Asian Athletics Championships
11 held in Doha, Qatar, as he also marked a new tournament record, his personal
12 best clearing 5.71 meters, setting a new meet standard;
- 13 **WHEREAS**, the twenty-three (23) year old pole vaulter reaped another
14 milestone after nabbing the gold medal and declared as champion in the 2019
15 Summer Universaide, in Naples, Italy, where he also set another new
16 Philippine record clearing 5.76 meters, breaking his personal best of 5.71
17 meters;
- 18 **WHEREAS**, Ernest John Obiena was the first Filipino athlete to qualify for the
19 biggest and grandest sporting event, the 2020 Tokyo Olympics;
- 20 **WHEREAS**, he is currently ranked 14th in the men's pole vault world ranking
21 as of October 29, 2019 of the International Association of Athletics Federation
22 (IAAF)¹;

¹ <https://www.iaaf.org/world-rankings/pole-vault/men>

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by
2 the Senate, to commend and congratulate pole vault star Ernest John Obiena
3 for successfully winning the gold medal in the 23rd Asian Athletics
4 Championships and the 30th Summer Universiade 2019.

Adopted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bong T. Go', written over the printed name below.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER LAWRENCE "BONG" T. GO