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SENATE

P.S. Res. No. <u>266</u>

Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ALL THE ATHLETES, COACHES, TRAINORS AND MEDALISTS WHO REPRESENTED THE PHILIPPINES IN THE 30TH SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES HELD IN THE PHILIPPINES FROM NOVEMBER 30 TO DECEMBER 11, 2019 AND URGING THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT TO EXPEDITE THE RELEASE OF THE CASH INCENTIVES FOR ATHLETES AND COACHES AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTIONS 8 AND 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10699, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT"

WHEREAS, the 30th South East Asian Games (SEA Games) was held in the Philippines from November 30 to December 11, 2019;

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WHEREAS, this year's competition is the biggest SEA Games in history as it offered 530 golds in 56 sports, spread in 44 venues across Metro Manila and Southern Luzon, Subic and New Clark City in Capas, Tarlac;

WHEREAS, the Philippines fielded the largest delegation in the SEA Games led by 1,115 athletes while the coaches, trainors and officials number to 753 for a 1,868-strong Filipino contingent;

WHEREAS, the awards and medals garnered by the Philippine delegation is a testament that Filipino athletes can excel and ably compete with their foreign counterparts;

WHEREAS, the strong showing of the Philippine delegation has made our country proud and has renewed our determination to improve the sports development programs in the country;

WHEREAS, the outstanding performance of the Philippine delegation has shown to the international audience the spirit of Filipino competitiveness and excellence, thus, they deserve to be commended for the honor and recognition they have brought to our country;

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary to expedite the release of all the financial benefits of the entitled members of the Philippine delegation before Christmas this year;

WHEREAS, Sections 8 and 9 of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10699, otherwise known as the "National Athletes and Coaches Benefits and Incentives Act", specifically enumerates the cash incentives for athletes and coaches;

WHEREAS, in individual events in the SEA Games, gold medalists shall be entitled to three hundred thousand pesos (P300,000.00); silver medalists, one hundred fifty thousand pesos (P150,000.00); and bronze medalists, sixty thousand pesos (P60,000.00);

WHEREAS, for competitions with less than five (5) participants per team, the team shall receive the same cash incentives for individual medal winners, to be divided equally among the members actually present during the competition;

WHEREAS, for competitions with five (5) or more participants per team, each team member shall receive twenty-five percent (25%) of the cash incentives for individual medal winners;

WHEREAS, the incentives for coaches shall be equivalent to fifty percent (50%) of the cash incentives for gold, silver, and bronze medalists;

WHEREAS, the budget for said financial benefits shall be sourced from the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF);

WHEREAS, paragraph (1)(d) of the Special Provisions in the budget of the Philippine Sports Commission under R.A. No. 11260, otherwise known as the "General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2019" provides that the NSDF shall provide for the "[P]ayment of cash incentives and retirement benefits to national athletes and coaches in accordance with the provisions of R.A. No. 10699"; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, To congratulate and commend all the athletes, coaches, trainors and medalists who represented the

- Philippines in the 30th SEA Games held in the Philippines from November 30 to
- 2 December 11, 2019 and urge the Philippine Government to expedite the release of
- 3 the cash incentives for athletes and coaches as provided for in Sections 8 and 9 of
- 4 R.A. No. 10699, otherwise known as the "National Athletes and Coaches Benefits

5 And Incentives Act".

Adopted,

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