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## RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING SANDI ABAHAN AND ANDRICO MAHILUM FOR BEING CROWNED WORLD CHAMPIONS AT THE 2022 ALTITUDE OBSTACLE COURSE RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN MT. EVEREST

**WHEREAS,** the Philippine Senate has, on innumerable occasions, given recognition and commendation to exemplary Filipino athletes for their contribution in showcasing our nation's relentless pursuit of sports excellence, and bringing honor and pride to the country by winning international competitions;

**WHEREAS**; Sandi Abahan and Andrico Mahilum were declared champions of the Altitude OCR (Obstacle Course Racing) World Championships Mount Everest, representing the Philippines, showing the world that our nation can dominate and produce world champions in different disciplines of sports;

**WHEREAS,** Abahan and Mahilum won the male and female divisions of the Altitude Obstacle Course Racing World Championships, which began on November 8 and recently came to a close as the duo reached the summit of the tallest mountain on the planet, Mt. Everest, scaling an extremely high altitude of 18,000+ feet or 5,500+ meters, outdoing the best competitors in the sport from all over the world;

**WHEREAS,** both Mahilum and Abahan gave a monumental performance, with Abahan being an Igorota and elite Cordilleran trail runner, and Mahilum, an Army Sergeant and vertical racer, they both gave their all to show that the Philippines can go the distance against the best and produce world champions;

**WHEREAS,** the duo joined a select group of elite Filipino sports legends that include the likes of Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo, a weightlifting gold medallist at the Tokyo Olympics, Caloy Yulo, a world champion gymnast, Junna Tsukii, a gold medalist in karate at the World Games, and Meggie Ochoa and Kimberly Anne Custodio, world champions in Brazillian Jiu-Jitsu;

**WHEREAS,** the exemplary performance of both Sandi Abahan and Andrico Mahilum who represented us as at the Altitude Obstacle Course Racing World Championships is yet another praiseworthy chapter in our rich sporting history;

**WHEREAS**, our trailblazers deserve the highest praise, recognition and commendation for bringing pride and inspiration to the Filipino people and the trekking community for showing to the world the unrelenting spirit of Filipino sports excellence in any discipline they are a part of, they carried the entire nation to the peak;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, for the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend Sandi Abahan and Andrico Mahilum who represented us as at the Altitude Obstacle Course Racing World Championships.

Adopted,

MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID

Senator