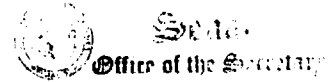


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Introduced by Senator JOEL VILLANUEVA

RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE TEAM
AND THEIR COACHING STAFF FOR BRINGING GREAT PRIDE AND
HONOR TO THE COUNTRY WITH THEIR EXEMPLARY
PERFORMANCE AT THE 19TH ASIAN GAMES, WINNING 4 GOLD
MEDALS, 2 SILVER MEDALS, AND 12 BRONZE MEDALS

WHEREAS, the Asian Games, also known as Asiad, is a quadrennial continental multi-sport event featuring athletes from all over Asia. The inaugural Games were first held in 1951;

WHEREAS, the 19th edition of the Asian Games was held in Hangzhou, China from 23 September to 08 October 2023, with more than 12,000 athletes from the 45 members of the Olympic Council of Asia participating in 481 events across 40 sports and 61 disciplines;

WHEREAS, the Philippines has participated in the Asian Games since 1951 and is one of the only seven countries that have competed in all editions of the Games;

WHEREAS, in the 19th Asian Games, the Philippines sent a delegation of 395 athletes who competed in 37 sports;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Team showcased their impressive talent and skills throughout the competition and finished 17th overall with four gold medals, two silver medals, and 12 bronze medals;

WHEREAS, the country's 17th place finish is also its highest ranking in the continental multi-sport event since placing 14th overall in the 1994 Asian Games;

WHEREAS, Olympian pole vaulter Ernest John "EJ" Obiena captured his first Asian Games gold medal after ruling the men's pole vault event and setting a new Asian Games record of 5.90 meters;

WHEREAS, Margarita “Meggie” Ochoa gave the Philippines its second gold medal after ruling the women’s 48kg jiu-jitsu event, besting United Arab Emirates’ Balqees Abdulla, 1-0, in the finals;

WHEREAS, Annie Ramirez bagged the country’s third gold medal and second in jiu-jitsu after dominating the women’s 57kg division, scoring 2-0 against Kazakhstan’s Galina Duvanova in the finals;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Men’s National Basketball Team, Gilas Pilipinas, clinched the gold medal in the 5x5 basketball event, winning against Jordan in the finals, 70-60, and ending the country’s 61-year title drought;

WHEREAS, the Philippines captured two silver medals in the 19th edition of the Games, courtesy of Arnel Mandal’s outstanding performance in the men’s 56kg wushu event and Olympian boxer Eumir Marcial who delivered a powerful fight in the men’s 80kg division final;

WHEREAS, the country collected 12 bronze medals in the following sports: taekwondo (1); wushu (3); tennis (2); cycling (1); weightlifting (1); sepak takraw (2); karate (1); and ju-jitsu (1);

WHEREAS, tennis player Alexandra Eala won two bronze medals, one in the women’s singles and another in the mixed doubles with Francis Casey Alcantara;

WHEREAS, Philippine representatives in the sepak takraw events, namely Jason Huerte, Rheyjey Ortouste, Mark Joseph Gonzales, Jom Lerry Rafael, and Ronsited Gabayeron also won two bronze medals;

WHEREAS, our athletes showcased to the world their unwavering determination and passion for their respective sports, impressing millions of spectators with their exceptional talent and record-breaking performances in the 19th edition of the Asian Games. Their victories serve as an inspiration and motivation to all Filipinos and thus merit recognition from this august chamber;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to congratulate and commend the Philippine Team and their coaching staff for bringing great pride and honor to the country with their exemplary performance at the 19th Asian Games, winning four gold medals, two silver medals, and 12 bronze medals.

Adopted,


JOEL VILLANUEVA