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P.S. Res. No. 827

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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MARGARITA "MEGGIE" OCHOA FOR WINNING FOR THE COUNTRY ITS SECOND GOLD MEDAL IN THE ASIAN GAMES 2023 AFTER RULING THE WOMEN'S -48KG JIU-JITSU EVENT AT XIAOSHAN LINPU GYMNASIUM IN HANGZHOU, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, ON 5 OCTOBER 2023

WHEREAS, Filipino Jiu-jitsu martial artist Margarita "Meggie" Ochoa brought pride and glory to the Philippines after winning for the country its second gold medal in this year's Asian Games, after bagging the Women's -48kg Jiu-jitsu event at Xiaoshan Linpu Gymnasium in Hangzhou, People's Republic of China on 5 October 2023;

WHEREAS, considered as one of the world's biggest multi-sport competitions, the Asian Games is a multi-sport event held every 4 years among athletes from all over Asia. This year's games are participated by over 12,000 athletes from 45 countries competing in 481 events;

WHEREAS, Meggie Ochoa successfully clinched a gold medal in the Women's -48kg Jiu-jitsu event after overpowering current world champion Balqees Abdullah of the United Arab Emirates via advantage;

WHEREAS, before reaching the finals, Meggie Ochoa defeated athletes from Mongolia and Kazakhstan, both via submission, in the quarterfinals, and Thailand via points of 4-2 in the semifinals;

WHEREAS, Meggie Ochoa was nursing a fever from the time she got to Hangzhou until the eve of her event and suffered a hurt hip during her bout with her Thai opponent, but still managed to immediately send Abdullah to the ground at the start of their match;

WHEREAS, with this victory, Meggie Ochoa delivered the country's first Asian Games gold medal in jiu-jitsu and the Philippines' second gold medal in this run of the quadrennial sporting conclave surpassing her bronze medal finish during the 2018 Asian Games;

WHEREAS, Meggie Ochoa has previously raised the Philippine flag in jiu-jitsu by successfully bringing home gold medals for the country in the 2023 Asian Jiu-Jitsu Championship in Thailand, the 2022 JJIF World Jiu-Jitsu Championship in the United Arab Emirates, the 2019 Asian Jiu-Jitsu Championship in Mongolia, and the 2018 JJIF World Jiu-Jitsu Championship in Sweden;

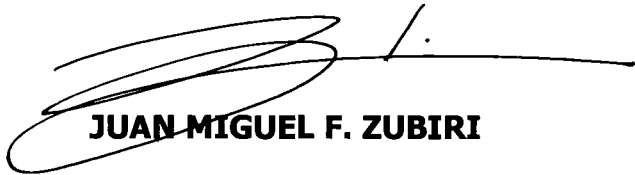
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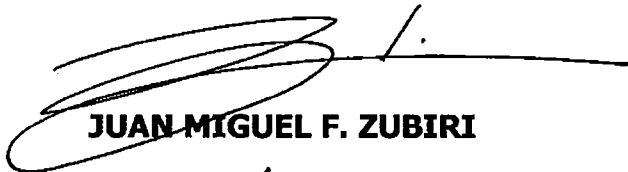
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