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## **RESOLUTION**

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING SAKURA ALFORTE FOR WINNING BRONZE IN KARATE WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL KATA EVENT IN THE 19<sup>th</sup>ASIAN GAMES

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate has always recognized and honored exemplary Filipino athletes for their remarkable achievements and victories in international competitions;

**WHEREAS**, Karateka Sakura Alforte, who was born to a Filipino father and a Japanese mother, is one of the country's greatest bets in the sport of Karate. She represented the Philippines in the 19<sup>th</sup> Asian Games held in Hangzhou, China;

**WHEREAS**, this 21-year-old karateka executed her Ohan Dai routine flawlessly, pleasing the judges, as she garnered 41.90 points defeating Chien Hui Hsuan of Chinese Taipei (41.30) for a place at the medal podium. She is the first ever Filipina whohas won a medal in women's individual kata in the Asian Games since 2002;

**WHEREAS,** she is reportedly fast becoming a household name in the continental scene, starting with her bronze medal in the 2021 Asian championships in Almaty, Kazakhstan;

**WHEREAS**, in April 2023, Alforte defeated nine competitors in the U21 kata female division to win a gold medal in the 2023 Women's Individual Kata in Coruna, Spain. Also, she made a memorable debut by winning the women's individual kata gold medal in the 32<sup>nd</sup> SEA Games in May this year;

**WHEREAS**, her momentous win brings honor and pride to our country, reaffirming our presence in the world of Karate, and her exemplary performance deserves to be commended;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** that the Senate of the Philippines congratulates and Sakura Alforte for winning bronze in karate women's individual kata event in the 19<sup>th</sup> Asian Games.

Adopted,

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