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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINE CONTINGENT TO THE 23RD EDITION OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES HELD IN THE PHILIPPINES FROM NOVEMBER 27 TO DECEMBER 5, 2005, SPECIALLY THE GOLD, SILVER, AND BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS, FOR EARNING THE PHILIPPINE'S FIRST EVER OVER-ALL CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE SEA GAMES SINCE THE COUNTRY STARTED COMPETING IN THIS BIENNIAL SPORTS EVENT IN 1977

WHEREAS, the Philippines participated in and hosted the recently concluded XXIIIrd Southeast Asian Games;

WHEREAS, The total of 289 medals (113 golds, 83 silvers, and 93 bronzes) harvested by Team Philippines placed our country in the top spot among eleven participating nations, thereby, surpassing our previous SEA Games performances in the entire 28 years of participation, despite financial and other constraints;

WHEREAS, exemplary performances were displayed by Filipino athletes, to name a few, Henry Dagmil and Arneil Ferrera of Athletics for breaking the long standing SEA Games records in long jump and hammer throw, respectively, John Baylon for winning his seventh consecutive SEA Games Gold medal in judo, Markwin Tee and Liza Clutario for dominating the Men's and Women's Masters events in bowling, Juvic Pagunsan for winning the individual title in golf, making him the back-to-back SEA Games champion, Christabel Martes for regaining her Marathon Queen title and Cecil Mamiit for reclaiming the country's Tennis Men's Singles crown last held by the Philippines in 1991;

WHEREAS, the team's most bemedalled athletes Miguel Molina in swimming, Shiela Mae Perez in diving, Benjamin Tolentino Jr. in rowing and Alex Pagulayan in billiards showed their prowess in their respective sports by clinching three gold medals each for the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Philippines was able to prove its supremacy in archery, arnis, baseball, bowling, boxing, dancesports, fencing, softball, taekwondo, tennis, traditional boat race, and wushu by prevailing as over-all champions in these prestigious sports disciplines in the SEA Games;

WHEREAS, the men and women of Team Philippines participated in the Southeast Asian Games with the true spirit of Olympism, displayed high quality of sportsmanship and fairplay in victory and in defeat, and undoubtedly gave their best to win not only medals but honor and glory for our country making them sports heroes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate express its sincere congratulations to all Filipino athletes who participated in the 23rd edition of the Southeast Asian Games as well as to their coaches, trainers, and sports leaders, for the courage, determination and Filipino spirit they have shown to attain excellence in sports in the Southeast Asian region.

Adopted,


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