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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
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SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 302

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**RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE ATHLETES AND TEAM OFFICIALS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED 23RD
SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE AND
THE PHILIPPINE SEA GAMES ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR ITS EXEMPLARY
WORK IN BRINGING HONOR AND GLORY TO SPORT AND TO OUR COUNTRY**

Introduced by Senator Richard J. Gordon

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines hosted the 23rd Southeast Asian Games from November 27, 2005 to December 5, 2005;

WHEREAS, 7,655 men and women from 11 countries, namely, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste, and Vietnam, participated in the 23rd Southeast Asian Games as athletes and team officials;

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines was represented by 1,200 men and women as athletes and team officials in 42 events under the stewardship of Chef de Mission William Ramirez;

WHEREAS, despite meager training budgets but inspired by the solidarity and unity of all the Filipino people, our athletes were well-prepared for competition and exhibited tremendous skill, competitiveness, and power in every event;

WHEREAS, our athletes secured the highest number of medals allowing the Republic of the Philippines to emerge as the overall winner of the 23rd Southeast Asian Games;

WHEREAS, despite constraints in funding and limitations in logistics, the Philippine SEA Games Organizing Committee, headed by its Chairman Roberto Pagdanganan and its President and Chief Executive Officer Jose Cojuangco, Jr., working together with the officials of the host venues throughout the country, namely those in:

- (1) Makati City, the City of Manila, Marikina City, Muntinlupa City, Parañaque City, Pasig City, Pasay City, Quezon City, and Taguig City in Metropolitan Manila,
- (2) Tagaytay City in the Province of Cavite,
- (3) Cebu City, Danao City and Mandaue City in the Province of Cebu,
- (4) Calamba City and the Municipality of Los Baños in the Province of Laguna,
- (5) Bacolod City in Negros Occidental,
- (6) Angeles City in the Province of Pampanga, and
- (7) the Subic Bay Freeport Zone,

was able to unite and mobilize our country's people and resources to successfully rise up to the challenge of hosting the various sporting events of the bi-annual games.

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it hereby resolves, to commend the 1,200 athletes and team officials of the Republic of the Philippines in the recently concluded

23rd Southeast Asian Games for their exceptional performance and adherence to the true spirit of sportsmanship, as well as the leadership of the Philippine SEA Games Organizing Committee and the officials of the different host venues throughout the Philippines for bringing honor and glory to sport and to our country.

Adopted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. J. Gordon', is positioned above the printed name.

RICHARD J. GORDON