



SENATE

P.S. Res. No. 236

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RESOLUTION

COMMENDING SENATOR JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI FOR LEADING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ARNIS TEAM TO RESOUNDING VICTORY IN THE 30TH SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES, WHERE THE TEAM TOOK FOURTEEN GOLD MEDALS, FOUR SILVER MEDALS, AND TWO BRONZE MEDALS, AND THEREBY ENGAGING INTEREST AND APPRECIATION FOR THE SPORT AMONG PHILIPPINE AND INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCES ALIKE

1 **WHEREAS**, in 2009, Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri spearheaded the
2 passage of Republic Act No. 9850, or the Act Declaring Arnis as the National
3 Martial Art and Sport of the Philippines, in order to promote the sport among
4 our people and enjoin appreciation and engagement, especially among our
5 youth;

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7 **WHEREAS**, in line with his efforts to strengthen the practice of Arnis and
8 unify its many practitioners across the nation, Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri
9 founded the Philippine Eskrima Kali Arnis Federation (PEKAF) in 2017, during
10 which time he was also installed as Chairman and President of the Federation;

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12 **WHEREAS**, in early 2019, PEKAF was recognized as the National Sports
13 Association for Arnis by the Philippine Olympic Committee, making it the official
14 sport body for Arnis in the country;

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16 **WHEREAS**, as Chairman and President of PEKAF, Senator Juan Miguel
17 F. Zubiri has offered invaluable support to arnisadors across the nation, and

1 has hosted regional competitions and training camps to push our arnisadors to
2 excellence in preparation for international competitions;

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4 **WHEREAS**, Arnis, which was last featured in the Southeast Asian Games
5 (SEA Games) as a competition sport in 2005, has once again included as a
6 competition sport for the 2019 SEA Games, with competitors from Cambodia,
7 Myanmar, Vietnam and the Philippines;

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9 **WHEREAS**, Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, himself a Gold Medalist in the
10 Arnis World Championship of the World Eskrima Kali Arnis Federation in 1989,
11 has been steadfast in his support of the Philippine National Arnis Team
12 throughout their preparation for the 30th SEA Games, and during the event
13 itself, personally overseeing the events, looking after the needs of the team and
14 cheering for the Filipino players;

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16 **WHEREAS**, the Philippine National Arnis Team exceeded expectations
17 and bagged fourteen gold medals, four silver medals, and two bronze medals
18 across the live stick, padded stick, and Anyo categories;

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20 **WHEREAS**, the performance of the Philippine National Arnis Team has
21 been a success not only in its bountiful harvest of medals, but also in its
22 effectiveness in inspiring appreciation and interest in Arnis, among Philippine
23 and international audiences alike;

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25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**,
26 the Senate of the Philippines commends Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri for
27 leading the Philippine National Team for Arnis to resounding victory in the 30th
28 Southeast Asian Games, where the team took fourteen gold medals, four silver
29 medals, and two bronze medals, and thereby engaging interest and appreciation
30 for the sport among Philippine and international audiences alike.

31 **Adopted,**


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