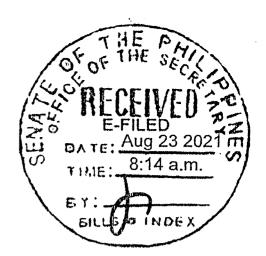
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SENATE

P. S. RES. NO. 839



Introduced by Senator JOEL VILLANUEVA

RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE 19 PHILIPPINE ATHLETE DELEGATES TO THE 2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS THAT COMPRISED THE WINNINGEST PHILIPINE OLYMPIC CONTINGENT SINCE JOINING THE OLYMPICS IN 1924

WHEREAS, nineteen athletes represented the Philippines across twelve sports in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, ten of which are Filipinas, and eighteen of which competed in the Olympics for the first time;

WHEREAS, Hidilyn Diaz and Elreen Ann Ando represented the Philippines in weightlifting; Eumir Marcial, Carlo Paalam, Nesthy Petecio, and Irish Magno in Boxing; Juvic Pagunsan, Bianca Pagdanganan, and Yuka Saso in Golf; Remedy Rule and Luke Gebbie in swimming; Ernest John Obiena in Pole Vault; Cris Nievarez in Rowing; Carlos Edriel Yulo in Artistic Gymnastics; Kurt Bryan Barbosa in Taekwondo; Margielyn Didal in Skateboarding; Jayson Valdez in Shooting; Kristina Marie Knott in Athletics; and Kiyomi Watanabe in Judo;

WHEREAS, Hidilyn Diaz bagged the first Olympic Gold Medal for the Philippines as she conquered the 55kg category for weightlifting in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics last July 26, 2021 at the Tokyo International Forum, finishing with 126kg in the clean and jerk and 224kg total;

WHEREAS, Nesthy Petecio became the first Filipina to win an Olympic boxing medal when she took home the Olympic Silver Medal in the women's featherweight boxing final bout last August 3, 2021 at the Kokugikan Arena;

WHEREAS, Carlo Paalam secured the Philippines' second Olympic Silver Medal at the Tokyo Olympics in the men's flyweight boxing division last August 7, 2021 at the Kokugikan Arena;

WHEREAS, Eumir Marcial wrapped up his campaign by winning the Olympics Bronze Medal in the men's middleweight boxing division last August 5, 2021 at the Kokugikan Arena;

- WHEREAS, Carlos Edriel Yulo finished at 4th place in the artistic gymnastics men's vault final at Ariake Gymnastics Center on August 2, 2021 with a score of 14.716:
- WHEREAS, Elreen Ann Ando gave an impressive performance after getting a total lift of 222 kilograms in the women's 64kg weightlifting competition last July 27, 2021 at the Tokyo International Forum, placing 7th overall;
- WHEREAS, Margielyn Didal skated her way at 7th place in the skateboarding women's street event at the Ariake Urban Sports Park on July 26, 2021;
- WHEREAS, Irish Magno showed her formidable boxing skills in the women's flyweight boxing division last July 29, 2021 at the Kokugikan Arena, finishing at 9th place;
- WHEREAS, Yuka Saso finished strong at 9th place in golf when she notched four birdies and an eagle in the fourth round of the women's individual stroke play last August 7, 2021 at the Kasumigaseki Country Club with a total of 10-under-par 274;
- WHEREAS, Ernest John Obiena, the only Asian to qualify for the medal round, placed 11th overall in the men's pole vault final at the Olympic Stadium on August 3, 2021. His personal best is at 5.87m and currently holds 6th place at the pole vault world rankings:
- WHEREAS, Kurt Bryan Barbosa ranked 11th overall as he competed in the taekwondo men's 58kg at the Makuhari Messe Hall on July 24, 2021;
- WHEREAS, Remedy Rule capped her Olympics campaign in the women's 200m butterfly semifinal at the Tokyo Aquatics Center on July 28, 2021, placing 15th overall with a time of 2:12:89;
- WHEREAS, Kiyome Watanabe, the first Filipina judoka to qualify in the Olympics, competed in the judo women's 63kg elimination round at the Nippon Budokan on July 27, 2021, finishing at 17th place;
- WHEREAS, Cris Nievarez ranked 23rd overall in the rowing men's single sculls event at the Sea Forest Waterway on July 30, 2021, covering the 2000-m course with a time of 7:21:28;
- WHEREAS, Kristina Marie Knott finished 37th overall in the women's 200m dash at the National Stadium on August 2, 2021, clocking in 23.80 seconds;
- WHEREAS, Luke Gebbie wrapped up his stint in the men's 50m freestyle heats on July 30, 2021, at the Tokyo Aquatic Center, finishing 41st overall, and clocked in a new Philippine record of 49.64 seconds in the 100m freestyle event;
- WHEREAS, Bianca Pagdanganan finished 43rd in women's golf at the Kasumigaseki Country Club on August 7, 2021 with a total of 1-over-par 285 points;
- WHEREAS, Jayson Valdez landed at 44th in the men's 10m air rifle qualification at the Asaka Shooting Range on July 25, 2021 with a total of 612.6 points;

WHEREAS, Juvic Pagunsan ended his campaign at 55th place in the men's individual stroke play on August 1, 2021 at the Kasumigaseki Golf and Country Club, with a total of 285 points;

WHEREAS, the Philippine team took home one gold, two silver, and one bronze, making it the top performing Southeast Asian country in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics;

WHEREAS, the impressive and record-breaking feats achieved by the delegates, which can be considered as the Philippines' best Olympics stint in history, show that Filipino athletes are exceptional and world-class;

RESOLVE BY THE SENATE, that the Senate of the Philippines recognizes and commends the 19 Philippine Athlete Delegates for their valiant and outstanding performances in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, and extends its warmest gratitude for bringing pride and glory to all Filipino citizens.

Adopted,

SENATOR YO'EL VILLANUEVA