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**Introduced by CONGRESSMAN ALFRED VARGAS**

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**A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND HONORING THE GOLD MEDALISTS OF  
THE 29<sup>TH</sup> SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines has managed to win 24 Gold Medals from the 29<sup>th</sup> Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) that was held on 19-30 August 2017 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place in the end of the competition;

**WHEREAS**, the SEA Games is a bi-annual and regional multi-sports events involving athletes from the 11 countries in Southeast Asia;

**WHEREAS**, the SEA Games is a prestigious and momentous event that helps promote sports potential, cooperation, understanding and relations among countries in the Southeast Asian region;

**WHEREAS**, marathoner Mary Joy Tabal bagged the first gold medal for the Philippines in the 2017 SEA Games. Tabal finished the Women's Marathon seven minutes ahead of the silver medalist, recording an official time of two hours, 48 minutes, and 26 seconds;

**WHEREAS**, Nikko Bryan Huelgas successfully defended the country's title in Men's Triathlon and won his second SEA Games Gold Medal on 21 August 2017;

**WHEREAS**, 2015 SEA Games Silver Medalist Marion Kim Mangrobang emerged as the champion in the Women's Triathlon and captured PH's third gold in the 2017 SEA Games;

**WHEREAS**, Gymnast Reyland Capellan delivered the country's fourth Gold Medal as he topped the Men's Artistic Floor Exercise. Scoring a total of 13.95 points, Capellan successfully defended the title he won in the 2015 SEA Games in Singapore;

**WHEREAS**, following the footsteps of her gymnast mother, 1995 SEA Games Gold Medalist Cintamoni Dela Cruz, Kaitlin de Guzman won her own SEA Games Gold in Gymnastics - Women's Artistic Uneven Bar event;

**WHEREAS**, Agatha Chrystenzen Wong triumphed in Women's Taijiquan Wushu event and snatched the Philippines' sixth Gold Medal with a final score of 9.66 points;

**WHEREAS**, Brennan Wayne Louie won the gold in Men's Foil Fencing event on 22 August 2017, besting fellow Filipino fencer, Nathaniel Perez, in the finals;

**WHEREAS**, Eric Shauwn Cray repeats his feat in the 2015 SEA Games and won the Gold Medal Men's 400-meter Hurdle event. Cray also managed to get the Silver Medal in the 100-meter event;

**WHEREAS**, Aries Toledo handed the Philippines its ninth gold medal in the 2017 SEA Games, collecting a total of 7,433 points in the Men's decathlon event, breaking the previous national record of 7,126 points;

**WHEREAS**, Trenten Anthony Beram emerged victorious in Men's 200 meters and 400 meters, making him the First Filipino double Gold Medalist in the 2017 SEA Games;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Lawn Bowls team consisting of Curte Robert Guarin, Emmanuel Portacio, Leoncio Carreon Jr., and Ronald Lising, scored the country's 11<sup>th</sup> Gold Medal in the Men's Fours event, defeating the Malaysian team in the finals, 16-14;

**WHEREAS**, Filipino boxer Eumir Felix Marcial who won gold as a welterweight in the 2015 SEA Games prevailed in the Men's Middleweight Class on 24 August 2017;

**WHEREAS**, Light Heavyweight boxer John Marvin succeeded in getting the Gold Medal in his debut for the Philippine national boxing team;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Ice Hockey team defeated Thailand and skates away with the first ever SEA Games gold in Ice Hockey on 24 August 2017;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Men's Poomsae team grabbed its third straight Gold Medal since 2013 at the 2017 SEA Games on 26 August 2017;

**WHEREAS**, Kiyomi Watanabe nabbed her third title in SEA Games Judo, besting Thailand's Orapin Senatham in the Women's 57-63 kg Division;

**WHEREAS**, the Gilas Pilipinas gave the Philippines its 18<sup>th</sup> Gold Medal in the Men's Basketball event, crushing the Indonesian team with a score of 94-55 on 26 August 2017;

**WHEREAS**, 18-year-old Chezka Centeno defeated veteran and fellow Filipina Rubilen Amit to win the Gold Medal in Billiards, Women's 9-Ball Pool;

**WHEREAS**, Samuel Morrison bagged the Philippines' 20<sup>th</sup> Gold Medal in the 2017 SEA Games after prevailing against Ardian Dinggo of Indonesia in the men's under 74kg Taekwondo kyorugi;

**WHEREAS**, 16-year-old Mariya Takahashi dethroned 5-time gold medalist and defending Champion, Surattana Thongsri of Thailand and brought home the Philippines' 21<sup>st</sup> Gold Medal on 27 August 2017;

**WHEREAS**, Carlo Biado clinched the Philippines' second gold medal in billiards after defeating Vietnames Duong Quoc Hoang in the Men's 9-Ball Competition;

**WHEREAS**, John Colin Syquia topped the podium in his SEA Games debut in the Individual Showjumping event of the 29<sup>th</sup> SEA Games Equestrian Competition;

**WHEREAS**, Dines Dumaan ended the Philippines' 12-year SEA Games medal drought in Pencak Silat as she overcame Indonesia' Firman in the finals to win the 45-50 kg division of the Men's Tanding Putra Class A;

**WHEREAS**, these outstanding athletes embodied the hard work, strength, and resiliency of the Filipino people in the recently-concluded SEA Games;

**WHEREAS**, our gold medalists brought honor, pride, and inspiration to our countrymen and are truly worthy of praise and emulation, especially among the youth.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the House of Representatives of the Philippines to recognize, commend, and extend its warmest congratulations to the gold medalists of the 29<sup>th</sup> Southeast Asian Games:

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that this resolution shall form part of the official records of the House of Representatives.

*Adopted,*

  
ALFRED VARGAS