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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 547



Introduced by REP. ELPIDIO F. BARZAGA, JR.

RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ARCHERY GOLD
MEDALIST ANDREA ROBLES

WHEREAS, Andrea Robles impressed the archery world when she took the individual gold medal and an early lead in the elite ranking in the women's compound archery competition at the 2020 Indoor Archery World Series at Macau, China held last 9-11 November, 2019. In this competition, she beat and upset world championship runner up Paige Pearce of USA and top seed favorite Sarah Priels of Belgium to become the first Filipina to win a world championship in archery.

WHEREAS, her win at the 2020 Indoor Archery World Series was personally funded and where she joined without a personal coach, fortunately, she was generously helped by World's No. 1 ranked compound archer and reigning World Youth champion, Alexis Ruiz of the USA who offered to "lend" her US Coach Mel Nichols during the gold medal match against number 1 ranked Pearce.

WHEREAS, Andrea Robles, the 21 year old Bachelor of Science Management graduate of Ateneo de Manila University has proven that one does not need to be a Filipino American to be an elite athlete.

WHEREAS, Andrea Robles is the epitome of the Filipinos' resilience, displaying the ability and toughness to recover from adversity due to insufficient funds, inadequate training and haphazard sports program. This resilience has manifested time and time again in the following international competitions where she brought pride to our country:

- (1) gold medal for the team event at the Asia Cup World Ranking Tournament for Archery in Thailand in March 2015;

(2) gold medal in the team event at the 6th Southeast Asian Open Archery Championships in Myanmar, Malaysia in January 2017;

(3) third (3rd) place in the team event at the Asia Cup World Ranking Stage 3 at Rizal Memorial, Manila, Philippines, in April 2018;

(4) second (2nd) place in the team event at the Asia Cup Stage 2 held at Taipei, Taiwan, in August 2019;

(5) 2nd place in the individual event and 3rd place in the team event at the Asia Cup Stage 3 at Clark City, Philippines, in September 2019.

WHEREAS, Andrea Robles and all other Filipino elite athletes deserve the financial support from the government considering the pride and glory it brings to our country and that sports training, equipment and participating in competitions are a very costly affair.

WHEREAS, even though she is now part of the Philippines' national team that will be competing in the upcoming SEA Games on 30 November 2019 to 11 December 2019, all her equipment are solely financed by her parents and through the kindness of US Coach Mel Nichols who introduced her to the owner of Flex Fletch that provides her with free fletches.

WHEREAS, from the time she took up archery in 2013, her parents have already spent over One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) in airfare and travel expenses, over One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) in equipment, over One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) in training and coaching expenses.

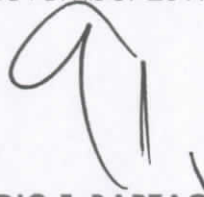
WHEREAS, as shown by the sterling record of Andrea Robles, she has the best potential to win the first Olympic Gold Medal which Filipinos are longing for from the time the Olympic Games started way back in 06 April, 1896 held in Athens, Greece.

WHEREAS, despite these difficulties, Andrea Robles have brought, pride, joy, honor and glory to our country and should be commended.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved for the House of Representatives to congratulate and commend Andrea Robles and the Philippine Sports Commission and other appropriate agencies to provide adequate financial assistance to

Andrea Robles and other potential Olympic players in order to prepare them properly for the next Olympic Games scheduled on 24 July, 2020 in Tokyo, Japan.

Done this 20th day of November 2019 at Quezon City.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'E. Barzaga, Jr.', written in a cursive style.

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