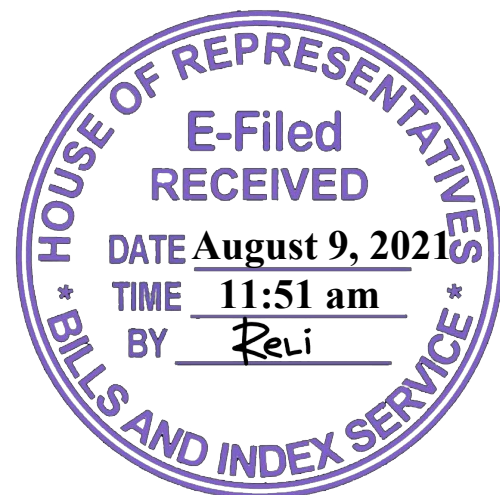


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Introduced by Representative JOSEPH STO. NIÑO B. BERNOS

A RESOLUTION
COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION
TO THE 2020 SUMMER OLYMPICS IN TOKYO, JAPAN,
23 JULY - 08 AUGUST 2021

WHEREAS, nineteen (19) athletes represented the Philippines in the 2020 Summer Olympics held in Tokyo, Japan from 23 July to 08 August 2021;

WHEREAS, the Philippines was represented in eleven (11) sports: athletics, boxing, gymnastics, golf, judo, rifle shooting, rowing, skateboarding, swimming, taekwondo, and weightlifting;

WHEREAS, the 2020 Tokyo Olympics is a significant event in the history of Philippine sports as the national delegation successfully brought home four (4) medals, consisting of one (1) gold medal, two (2) silver medals, and one (1) bronze medal, surpassing the three (3) bronze medals won in the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics;

WHEREAS, Hidilyn Diaz brought home the Philippine's first-ever gold medal and set an Olympic record after lifting a combined weight of 224 kilograms, beating her opponent from China, world record holder Liao Qiuyun, in women's 55kg division of weightlifting, which took place last 26 July 2021;

WHEREAS, Nesthy Petecio bagged the silver medal in the women's featherweight division of boxing last 03 August 2021 after finishing strong in a close match against Sena Irie of Japan;

WHEREAS, Carlo Paalam, our representative in men's flyweight division of boxing, punched his way to the silver medal after his match against Great Britain's delegate, Galal Yafai, in their match last 07 August 2021;

WHEREAS, Eumir Marcial attained the bronze medal in the men's middleweight division of boxing after the semi-final bout against his Ukrainian opponent Oleksandr Khyzhniak last 05 August 2021;

WHEREAS, EJ Obiena, the lone Asian athlete able to make it to the finals in his category, jumped his way to the 11th place in the men's pole vault event, while Kristina Knott courageously finished 37th place in the women's 200m track event;

WHEREAS, Irish Magno landed 9th place after exhibiting braveness and determination in completing two (2) matches for the women's flyweight division in boxing;

WHEREAS, Carlos Yulo, Philippine's lone world champion gymnast, showed a dauntless performance as he represented the country in artistic gymnastics and placed 4th in the men's vault finals;

WHEREAS, Yuka Saso and Bianca Pagdanganan of the women's individual golf event placed 9th and 43rd, respectively, while Jovic Pagunsan placed 55th in the men's individual golf event, with all golfers showing promise for the future of the sport;

WHEREAS, Kiyomi Watanabe, also the country's flag bearer and lone judo representative, presented her robustness as she valiantly bowed to a 17th place in women's judo under 63kg category;

WHEREAS, Cris Nievarez, our representative for rowing, set forth his skill and capability to excel in his sport despite being the lone Southeast Asian qualifier for his event, as he placed 23rd overall in men's single sculls;

WHEREAS, Jayson Valdez, country's sole shooting bet showed his proficiency and ability to unflinchingly aim and shoot as he placed 44th in the men's 10m air rifle qualification event;

WHEREAS, Margielyn Didal, country's representative for the Olympic debut of skateboarding, showed everybody utmost sportsmanship in placing 7th in women's street category;

WHEREAS, swimmer Luke Gebbie, representative for the men's freestyle, finished 36th in the 100m event and 41st in the 50m event, while swimmer Remedy Rule, representative for women's butterfly, finished 15th in the 200m event and 25th in the 100m event, both exhibited tenaciousness as they finish their respective events;

WHEREAS, Kurt Barbosa, a proud delegate from the Municipality of Bangued, Province of Abra, displayed a bold spirit all throughout his Olympic journey as he placed 11th in men's 58kg category in taekwondo;

WHEREAS, Elreen Ando represented the country in weightlifting and gallantly showed extreme strength and competence in placing 7th in women's 64kg category;

WHEREAS, the group of coaches, staff, and teams should also be acknowledged for their great dedication and unwavering support to the Philippine contingent as the well-being and readiness of the athletes rest upon them;

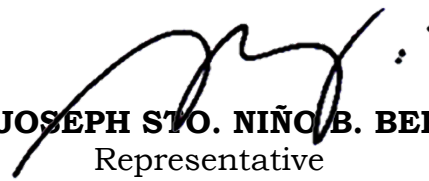
WHEREAS, regardless of being a medalist or not, all of the Philippine delegates to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics should be recognized for their determination to finish strong as they serve as an inspiration to their fellow Filipinos to stay resilient amidst the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, with the exceptional performance of our athletes, the Philippines emerged as the top Southeast Asian country in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, and is well on its way towards better standings in the future with greater support from the public and the private sectors, so that we can soon live up to the Olympic motto of '*Citius, Altius, Fortius*' – faster, higher, stronger;

WHEREAS, the Filipino People, through their elected Representatives, would like to express their praise and heartfelt gratitude to the Philippine contingent during the 2020 Tokyo Olympics for their commitment to give honor to the country, for their exceptional athleticism, for upholding the Olympic Oath to respect and abide by the rules and in the spirit of fair play, inclusion and equality, and for evincing the capability of sports to instill discipline, virtue, and humility;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives of the Philippines, to commend and congratulate the Philippine delegation to the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan, 23 July - 08 August 2021.

ADOPTED,



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