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Introduced by Senator **PIA S. CAYETANO**

RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO OLYMPIAN ERNEST JOHN
"EJ" OBIENA FOR GARNERING HIS LARGEST AND MOST SUCCESSFUL MEDAL
HAUL DURING POLE VAULTING COMPETITIONS IN 2022

1 **WHEREAS**, Filipino Olympian Ernest John "EJ" Obiena exhibited an impressive
2 performance in 2022, making this year the highlight of his athletic career as he continues
3 to make great strides by accomplishing his largest medal haul to date, with 12 gold
4 medals, 2 silver medals, and 3 bronze medals;

5 **WHEREAS**, Obiena is currently ranked 1st in Asia and 3rd in the whole world for
6 pole vaulting;¹

7 **WHEREAS**, on 24 July 2022, the 26-year-old pole vaulter became the first Filipino
8 and Asian to win a medal in the World Athletics Men's Pole Vault competition, setting a
9 new Asian, national, and personal record, after clearing 5.94 meters in the event;²

¹ Agcaoili, L. (2022, July 28). EJ Obiena is new world No. 3 in pole vault. *Inquirer*.
<https://sports.inquirer.net/471537/ej-obiena-is-new-world-no-3-in-pole-vault>

² Rosal, D. (2022, July 25). Obiena is first Asian pole vaulter to win medal in Worlds. *Cebu Daily News*.
<https://cebudailynews.inquirer.net/454725/obiena-is-first-asian-pole-vaulter-to-win-medal-in-worlds>

1 **WHEREAS**, on 2 September 2022, Obiena clinched his first-ever win in the Wanda
2 Diamond League after he bested world record holder Mondo Duplantis in Brussels,
3 Belgium;³

4 **WHEREAS**, 2022 is Obiena’s best athletic career year yet, as he garnered his
5 largest and most impressive medal haul to date, after joining several competitions in Asia
6 and Europe, to wit:

Date	Medal	Event
12 February 2022	Gold ⁴	Orlen Cup (Poland)
23 February 2022	Gold ⁵	Orlen Copernicus Cup (Poland)
6 March 2022	Silver ⁶	Perch Elite Tour (France)
14 May 2022 (<i>Manila Time</i>)	Gold ⁷	31st SEA Games (Vietnam)
30 May 2022	Gold ⁸	European City of Sports L’Aquila Leg (Italy)

³ Morales, L. (2022, September 3). Obiena stuns Duplantis, wins first Diamond league in Belgium. *Philippine Star*. <https://www.philstar.com/sports/2022/09/03/2207122/obiena-stuns-duplantis-wins-first-diamond-league-belgium>

⁴ Isaga, J. (2022, February 23). EJ Obiena cops 2nd gold for 2022, rules Orlen Copernicus Cup in Poland. *Rappler*. <https://www.rappler.com/sports/ej-obiena-results-ornen-copernicus-cup-poland-february-22-2022/>

⁵ Isaga, J. (2022, February 23). EJ Obiena cops 2nd gold for 2022, rules Orlen Copernicus Cup in Poland. *Rappler*. <https://www.rappler.com/sports/ej-obiena-results-ornen-copernicus-cup-poland-february-22-2022/>

⁶ Obiena jumps season-best 5.91m for silver medal finish in France. (2022, March 7). *Business World*. <https://www.bworldonline.com/sports/2022/03/07/434178/obiena-jumps-season-best-5-91m-for-silver-medal-finish-in-france/>

⁷ Malanum, J. (2022, May 15). Obiena wins gold, breaks own SEA Games record. *The Manila Times*. <https://www.manilatimes.net/2022/05/15/news/national/obiena-wins-gold-breaks-own-sea-games-record/1843734>

⁸ Isaga, J. (2022, May 31). EJ Obiena soars to pole vault supremacy in picturesque Italy event. *Rappler*. <https://www.rappler.com/sports/ej-obiena-soars-pole-vault-supremacy-european-city-sport-2022-italy-l-aquila-leg/>

Date	Medal	Event
29 June 2022	Gold ⁹	Taby Stavhoppsgala (Sweden)
3 July 2022	Gold ¹⁰	Jump and Fly (Germany)
24 July 2022	Bronze ¹¹	World Athletics Championships (Oregon, USA)
6 August 2022	Bronze ¹²	Silesia Diamond League (Poland)
23 August 2022	Gold ¹³	26th Internationales Stabhochsprung-Meeting (Jockgrim, Germany)
25 August 2022	Bronze ¹⁴	Athletissima Meet, 11th Leg of the 2022 Diamond League (Lausanne, Switzerland)
28 August 2022	Gold ¹⁵	True Athletes Classics (Leverkusen, Germany)
31 August 2022	Gold ¹⁶	St. Wendel City Jump (Sankt Wendel, Germany)

⁹ Valderrama, A. (2022, June 29). EJ Obiena takes gold in Taby Stavhoppsgala. *Tiebreaker Times*. <https://tiebreakertimes.com.ph/tbt/ej-obiena-takes-gold-in-taby-stavhoppsgala/243994>

¹⁰ Giongco, M. (2022, July 3). EJ Obiena rebounds with Jump and Fly gold in Germany. *Inquirer*. <https://sports.inquirer.net/468663/ej-obiena-rebounds-with-jump-and-fly-gold-in-germany>

¹¹ EJ Obiena captures bronze medal in World Athletics Championship. (2022, July 26). *Business World*. <https://www.bworldonline.com/sports/2022/07/26/463419/ej-obiena-captures-bronze-medal-in-world-athletics-championship/>

¹² Dioquino, D. (2022, August 6). EJ Obiena snags Diamond League bronze in Poland. *Rappler*. <https://www.rappler.com/sports/results-ej-obiena-silesia-diamond-league-poland-august-6-2022/>

¹³ Navarro, J. (2022, September 1). EJ Obiena keeps winning with third gold in Germany. *Inquirer*. <https://sports.inquirer.net/475551/ej-obiena-keeps-winning-with-third-gold-in-germany>

¹⁴ Atencio, P. (2022, August 26). Obiena settles for bronze in Diamond League. *Manila Standard*. <https://manilastandard.net/sports/314255057/obiena-settles-for-bronze-in-diamond-league.html>

¹⁵ Navarro, J. (2022, September 1). EJ Obiena keeps winning with third gold in Germany. *Inquirer*. <https://sports.inquirer.net/475551/ej-obiena-keeps-winning-with-third-gold-in-germany>

¹⁶ *Ibid.*

Date	Medal	Event
2 September 2022	Gold ¹⁷	Memorial van Damme Wanda Diamond League (Brussels, Belgium)
4 September 2022	Silver ¹⁸	International Stadium Festival "ISTAF" (Berlin, Germany)
11 September 2022	Gold ¹⁹	Golden Fly (Schaan, Liechtenstein)
12 September 2022	Gold ²⁰	Gala dei Castelli (Bellinzona, Switzerland)

1 **WHEREAS**, for his spectacular feat as an athlete, Obiena brings great honor and
2 pride to the country, serving as the symbol of success and the spitting image of inspiration
3 and motivation for many other athletes, not just in the country, but also across the world;

4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Senate of the Philippines
5 congratulates and commends Filipino Olympian Ernest John "EJ" Obiena for garnering his
6 largest and most successful medal haul during pole vaulting competitions in 2022.

Adopted,


PIA S. CAYETANO

¹⁷ Morales, L. (2022, September 3). Obiena stuns Duplantis, wins first Diamond league in Belgium. *Philippine Star*. <https://www.philstar.com/sports/2022/09/03/2207122/obiena-stuns-duplantis-wins-first-diamond-league-belgium>

¹⁸ Dioquino, D. (2022, September 5). Gold streak snapped as EJ Obiena snags silver in ISTAF Berlin. *Rappler*. <https://www.rappler.com/sports/results-ej-obiena-istaf-berlin-germany-september-4-2022/>

¹⁹ Dioquino, D. (2022, September 12). EJ Obiena tops Golden Fly Series for another pole vault gold. *Rappler*. <https://www.rappler.com/sports/results-ej-obiena-golden-fly-series-liechtenstein-september-11-2022/>

²⁰ Villar, J. (2022, September 13). Obiena reigns supreme, sets record in Gala dei Castelli. *Philippine Star*. <https://www.philstar.com/sports/2022/09/13/2209440/obiena-reigns-supreme-sets-record-gala-dei-castelli>