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Introduced by Senator JOEL VILLANUEVA

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ARNIS TEAM AND THEIR COACHING STAFF FOR WINNING 6 GOLD MEDALS, 2 SILVER MEDALS, AND 4 BRONZE MEDALS AT THE 32ND SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES HELD AT HALL A, CHROY CHANGVAR CONVENTION CENTRE, PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA FROM 14 TO 16 MAY 2023

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has on several occasions paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for their astonishing feat of bringing pride and glory to the country by becoming champions in international sporting competitions;

WHEREAS, Arnis, the National Martial Art and Sport of the Philippines as declared in Republic Act No. 9850, was last featured in the Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) in 2019 and has been included as a competitive sport for the 2023 SEA Games;

WHEREAS, the Arnis events of the SEA Games were held from 14 to 16 May 2023, and were divided into Live Stick, Padded Stick, and Anyo or Form categories for men and women, with the Live Stick and Padded Stick events further separated into two (2) weight divisions, and the Anyo events into individual and team categories;

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Arnis Team (PNAT) delivered strong performances against worthy competitors throughout all the categories, and managed the incredible feat of landing 12 podium finishes overall, with six gold medals, two silver medals, and four bronze medals across all the categories;

WHEREAS, this feat of PNAT made them the most bemedaled Philippine Team in the 32nd SEA Games;

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Arnis Team is composed of the following men and women who brought pride and honor to the country:

Gold Medals

1. Charlote Ann P. Tolentino - Women's Full Contact Padded Point under 50kgs
2. Jedah Mae G. Soriano - Women's Full Contact Padded Point 50-55kgs

3. Ma. Ella B. Alcoseba - Women's Full Contact Live Stick Competition under 50kgs
4. Dexler S. Bolambao - Men's Full Contact Live Stick Competition 55-60kgs
5. Crisamuel T. Delfin - Men's Individual Anyo Competition
6. Trixie Mary O. Lofranco - Women's Individual Anyo Competition

Silver Medals

1. Jude Oliver Marie V. Rodriguez - Women's Full Contact Live Stick Competition 50-55kgs
2. Mary Allin L. Aldeguer, Ma. Crystal Jane B. Sapio and Jeanette B. Agapito - Women's Team Anyo Competition

Bronze Medals

1. Ezekyl S. Habig - Men's Full Contact Padded Point 55-60kgs
2. Noah Gonzales - Men's Full Contact Padded Point 60-65kgs
3. Niño Mark E. Talledo - Men's Full Contact Live Stick Competition 60-65kgs
4. Jeric M. Arce, Mark David P. Puzon and Mackjohn Niel G. Pineda - Men's Team Anyo Competition;

WHEREAS, with this victory, the PNAT has shown to the Southeast Asian nations and the world the indomitable and persevering spirit of the Filipino;

WHEREAS, this display of excellence by our PNAT athletes have proven that with proper training and support, our athletes can emerge victorious against counterparts in the international sporting arena;

WHEREAS, behind the success of the PNAT is a passionate and hardworking coaching staff whose guidance and discipline led the team to its impressive medal haul, namely:

Phil Eskrima Kali Arnis Federation (PEKAF) Chairperson and President – Senate President Juan Miguel F. Zubiri
Head Coach – Richardson C. Gialogo
Assistant Coach – Aniano C. Lota Jr.
Strength and Conditioning Coach – Rodolfo Jay L. Garcia
Assistant Coach – P/Capt. Reneto E. Tuñacao
Trainer – Jevannie M. Fajanil
Trainer – Sgt. Julius B. Acosta
Trainer – Romualdo M. Francisco Jr.
Head of Delegation – Grandmaster Rene R. Tongson;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend the Philippine National Arnis Team and their coaching staff for winning 6 gold medals, 2 silver medals, and 4 bronze medals at the 32nd Southeast Asian Games held at Hall A, Chroy Changvar Convention Centre, Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 14 to 16 May 2023.

Adopted,


JOEL VILLANUEVA 