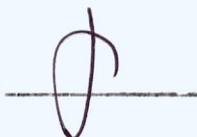


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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE MEN’S NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL TEAM, THE ALAS PILIPINAS, FOR BRINGING PRIDE AND HONOR TO THE PHILIPPINES BY HISTORICALLY RANKING NINETEENTH (19TH) IN PERFORMANCE OUT OF THIRTY-TWO (32) TEAMS IN THE FINAL STANDINGS OF THE FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE VOLLEYBALL (FIVB) MENS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

WHEREAS, sports offer numerous benefits beyond competition. It is a God-given activity that contributes to improved health and well-being of the citizenry through the promotion of physical activity, fosters unity in the midst of political divide, creates a sense of national pride, and improves international standing as success in sports elevates the Philippines’ global image;

WHEREAS, sports is a powerful, primary instrument for the formation of the values of discipline, teamwork, commitment and resilience, teaching us to strive, collaborate, and maintain not just physical fitness, but total mental, emotional, and even spiritual formation and health;

WHEREAS, sports is indispensable to building our communities and transforming our nation as they promote and strengthen unity, discipline and nationalism among Filipinos at home and overseas;

WHEREAS, honoring Filipino athletes serves a public purpose because their achievements inspire national pride, set standards for sports programs, and justify sustained investment in facilities, training, and athlete support nationwide;

WHEREAS, in September 2025, the Alas Pilipinas Men’s National Volleyball Team brought immense honor to the country by ranking nineteenth (19th) in performance out of thirty-two (32) teams in the final standings of the Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) Men’s World Championships 2025;¹

¹ FIVB Men’s World Championships 2025 Standings.
<https://en.volleyballworld.com/volleyball/competitions/men-world-championship/standings/#round-f>.

WHEREAS, this feat is truly historic, considering that this is the Philippines' first time to compete in a world championship;²

WHEREAS, this monumental performance propelled the Philippines to Rank 77 out of 98 countries in the FIVB Men's Volleyball World Rankings as of September 19, 2025;³

WHEREAS, the following athletes comprised the national team who competed in the FIVB Men's World Championships 2025, representing the Philippines with pride and excellence: Team Captain Bryan Bagunas, Josh Ybanez, Ave Joshua Retamar, Vince Patrick Lorenzo, Kim Malabunga, Jack Kalingking, Marck Jesus Espejo, Rwenzmel Taguibolos, Leo Ordiales, Jericho Adajar, Lloyd Josafat, Louie Ramirez, Michaelo Buddin, and Jade Alex Disquitado;⁴

WHEREAS, the individual excellence of our athletes was likewise recognized in the tournament: Bryan Bagunas ranked 3rd among the best scorers and attackers, 7th among the best blockers, and 9th among the best servers; Marck Jesus Espejo ranked 7th among the best blockers, 10th among the best servers, and 4th among the best receivers; Ave Joshua Retamar ranked 9th among the best blockers and 4th among the best setters; Kim Malabunga both ranked 9th among the best blockers and 10th among the best servers; Lloyd Josafat ranked 10th among the best blockers; Leo Ordiales ranked 9th among the best servers and 9th among the best servers; and Josh Ybanez ranked 7th among the best diggers and 5th among the best receivers;⁵

WHEREAS, the national team's success was made possible by the coaching and support staff led by Head Coach Angiolino Frigoni,⁶ Assistant Coaches Alejandro Andres Aldana and Odjie Mamon, Trainers Dante Alinsunurin and Dexter Clamor, Physiotherapist Hannah Grace De Luna, Team Manager Ronwald Kris Dimaculangan and Doctor John Wilfred Martin;

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Volleyball Federation (PNVF), the national sport association for volleyball in the Philippines, deserves recognition for empowering our volleyball athletes by opening doors to more overseas tournaments, strengthening the quality of coaching, and ensuring consistent, well-supported training for national athletes;

WHEREAS, under the stewardship of PNVF's President, Ramon "Tats" Suzara, these reforms have been carried through with clear direction and follow-through, resulting in our national volleyball teams' sustained improvement;

² Villanueva, R. (2025, September 18). *Alas Pilipinas loses to Iran in five-set thriller, ends FIVB worlds campaign*. *PhilStar Global*.

<https://www.philstar.com/sports/2025/09/18/2473808/alas-pilipinas-loses-iran-five-set-thriller-ends-fivb-worlds-campaign>.

³ FIVB Men's Volleyball World Ranking (as of September 19, 2025).

<https://en.volleyballworld.com/volleyball/world-ranking/men>.

⁴ FIVB Men's World Championships 2025 Team Philippines Players.

<https://en.volleyballworld.com/volleyball/competitions/men-world-championship/teams/7252/players/>.

⁵ FIVB Men's World Championships 2025 Statistics.

<https://en.volleyballworld.com/volleyball/competitions/men-world-championship/statistics/best-scorers/>.

⁶ FIVB Men's World Championships 2025 Team Philippines Players.

<https://en.volleyballworld.com/volleyball/competitions/men-world-championship/teams/7252/players/>.

WHEREAS, the inspiring rise of Philippine volleyball merits the Senate's highest commendation and the gratitude of the Filipino people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines congratulates and commends the Philippine Men's National Volleyball Team, the Alas Pilipinas, for historically ranking 19th in performance out of 32 teams in the final standings of the Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) Men's World Championships 2025, its first time ever competing in a world championship, and commends the Alas Pilipinas' coaching staff and management team for bringing immense pride to the nation and for exemplifying excellence, teamwork, and discipline.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Senate recognizes the athletes named herein and the coaching and support staff, and likewise commends the Philippine National Volleyball Federation and its President Ramon "Tats" Suzara for steering Philippine volleyball to greater heights, as evidenced by consistent international results.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to Alas Pilipinas and the Philippine National Volleyball Federation in recognition of this remarkable achievement.

Adopted,


ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO