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Introduced by Senator JOEL VILLANUEVA

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING
EJ OBIENA FOR HIS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AT THE
WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPSIONSHIPS**

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2022, Monday, Manila Time, Ernest John Obiena (“EJ Obiena”) set the new Asian record-leap of 5.94 meters and bagged the Philippine’s first medal in World Athletics Championship during the men’s pole vault event at the Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon, United States;

WHEREAS, Obiena took care of 5.55 meters on his very first jump before needing a second one in 5.70. He subsequently cleared 5.80m and 5.87m, and raised the bar as he took the bronze medal with his second-time clearance at 5.94m;¹

WHEREAS, Obiena’s resilience and outstanding sportsmanship shines through as he continues to leap forward despite challenges and difficulties, and his resolve to soar to greater heights as he aims to accomplish clearing the legendary six (6)-meter mark,² a target reached by only twenty-four (24) athletes as of 2021;³

WHEREAS, the victory and exceptional performance of EJ Obiena in the World Athletics Championship is a testament of the world class talent of Filipinos;

RESOLVE BY THE SENATE, that the Senate of the Philippines recognizes and commends EJ Obiena for yet another sterling performance.

Adopted,


SENATOR JOEL VILLANUEVA

¹ Malaya Business Insight, Obiena bags historic bronze in world meet, accessible at <https://malaya.com.ph/news/sports/obiena-bags-historic-bronze-in-world-meet/> (last accessed July 27, 2022).

² Philippine Star, EJ aching to hit 6 meters, accessible at <https://www.philstar.com/sports/2022/07/27/2198166/ej-aching-hit-6-meters> (last accessed July 27, 2022).

³ World Athletics, The six-metre vault: a universal yet elusive achievement, accessible at <https://worldathletics.org/news/feature/six-metre-pole-vault-athletics-barrier> (last accessed July 27, 2022).