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Introduced by Senator FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO

RESOLUTION
COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING ERNEST JOHN UY OBIENA
FOR HIS EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE IN THE MEN'S POLE-VAULTING
CATEGORY OF THE PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES;

1 **WHEREAS**, Article 2, Section 17 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution
2 declares it a policy of the State to prioritize sports— alongside education,
3 science and technology, arts, and culture— to foster patriotism and nationalism,
4 accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and
5 development;

6 **WHEREAS**, the Senate has, on several occasions, recognized and
7 commended numerous athletes for their exemplary performance in various
8 international sporting events;

9 **WHEREAS**, the Olympic games— or Olympics— is a competition on the
10 highest level by the best athletes in the world, which aims to promote a way of
11 life “based on the joy of effort, the educational value of good example, social
12 responsibility and respect for internationally recognized human rights and
13 universal fundamental ethical principles”;

14 **WHEREAS**, Ernest John “EJ” Uy Obiena qualified for the 2024 Paris
15 Olympics on 05 July 2023, becoming the first Filipino to do so in this cycle of
16 the Games, and which also marked his second time qualify since he qualified
17 for the 2021 Tokyo Olympics;

1 **WHEREAS**, previously, EJ Obiena has also won in numerous
2 international and regional competitions, and remains the current holder of
3 several pole-vaulting records;

4 **WHEREAS**, in the 2024 Paris Olympics, EJ Obiena made a herculean
5 effort and finished in 4th place, just behind Sweden’s Armand Duplantis, the
6 United States’ Sam Kendricks, and Greece’s Emmanouil Karalis, who at the time
7 of the competition were all ranked in the Top 10 of the men’s pole-vaulting
8 category by World Athletics, which is the international governing body for
9 Athletics;

10 **WHEREAS**, as of 13 August 2024, EJ Obiena was ranked by World
11 Athletics as the 3rd best athlete in the men’s pole-vaulting category;

12 **WHEREAS**, EJ Obiena stated after the Olympics that he remains upbeat
13 and resolute in his quest to “...(have) the Philippine Flag raised and raised on a
14 global stage”;

15 **WHEREAS**, EJ Obiena’s exemplary performance in the 2024 Paris
16 Olympics, which brought honor and glory to the country, and his continued
17 commitment to raise the Philippine flag in the field of pole-vaulting, which
18 embodies the indomitable Filipino spirit, truly deserves to be recognized and
19 commended;

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE**, to commend
21 and congratulate Ernest John Uy Obiena for his exemplary performance in the
22 men’s pole-vaulting category of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games;

Adopted,


FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO