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RESOLUTION  
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINA CLASS 8 TABLE TENNIS  
PARALYMPIAN JOSEPHINE MEDINA FOR WINNING A BRONZE MEDAL AT THE  
RIO 2016 PARALYMPIC GAMES

1 WHEREAS, Filipina Class 8 table-tennis paralympian Josephine Medina won a  
2 bronze medal at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games after beating Germany's Juliane Wolf  
3 3-0 on September 13, 2016 (Manila time);

4 WHEREAS, reigning champion Jungian Mao of China retained the gold title,  
5 while France's Thu Kamkasomphou took home the silver;

6 WHEREAS, the country's flag bearer and top para table tennis bet ended the 16-  
7 year medal drought when she claimed the second Paralympic medal for the Philippines  
8 after powerlifter Adeline Dumapong won bronze in the 2000 Sydney Games;

9 WHEREAS, in the 2012 London Paralympics, the 46-year-old Medina fell short of  
10 podium finish, ranking fourth in table tennis women's singles Class 8 which includes  
11 athletes with moderate impairments of the legs, moderate impairments of playing arm,  
12 or moderate cerebral palsy, hemiplegia or diplegia;

13 WHEREAS, Medina, a polio victim from Marikina City, carries a world ranking of  
14 No. 5 in the ITTF Para Table Tennis Women Class 8 Ranking List as of June this year  
15 after winning a gold medal in the ASEAN Para Games in Singapore in 2015;

16 WHEREAS, joining Medina in the 15th Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro,  
17 Brazil are powerlifters Adeline Dumapong-Ancheta and Agustin Kitan, swimmer Ernie  
18 Gawilan and wheelchair racer Jerrold Pete Mangliwan;

19 WHEREAS, the Rio Paralympic Games, which will be held from Sept. 7 to 18, is  
20 the counterpart of the Olympic Games for athletes with disabilities where around 4,350  
21 athletes from more than 160 countries compete in 23 sports with 528 medals at stake;

22 WHEREAS, Philippine Sports Association for the Differently Abled (PHILSPADA)  
23 President Michael Barredo, Secretary General Ral Rosario, and Executive Director and  
24 the delegation's chief of mission Dennis Esta, along with the athletes' respective  
25 coaches, accompanied Medina, Dumapong-Ancheta, Kitan, Gawilan and Mangliwan in  
26 Rio;

1           WHEREAS, through Republic Act 10699 or the National Athletes and Coaches  
2 Benefits and Incentives Act, Medina will be receiving P1 million as cash incentive for her  
3 victory as the new law includes athletes with disabilities in the grant of benefits and  
4 incentives;

5           WHEREAS, her coach, Louise Mark Eballa, will also be entitled to half of  
6 Medina's cash incentive or P500,000 tax-free;

7           WHEREAS, RA 10699 properly recognizes the hardship and triumphs of our  
8 outstanding differently-abled athletes who have been heaping medals and bringing  
9 pride and honor to the country;

10           WHEREAS, Medina's impressive performance paved the way for another historic  
11 win for the country in the 2016 Olympics that will truly inspire not only the 2 million  
12 Filipinos with disabilities but all Filipino and Filipina athletes, proving that disability is not  
13 a hindrance in achieving their dreams;

14           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines  
15 congratulate and commend Filipina Class 8 Table Tennis Paralympian Josephine  
16 Medina for winning a bronze medal at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games and ending the  
17 16-year medal drought of the Philippines.

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**SENATOR SONNY ANGARA**