
Introduced by **Senator ANA THERESIA "RISA" HONTIVEROS-BARAQUEL**

RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING HIDILYN DIAZ, YUKA SASO, BIANCA PAGDANGANAN, AND LOIS KAYE GO FOR BRINGING HOME THE COUNTRY'S GOLD MEDALS IN THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES AS WELL AS EMBODYING THE FILIPINA SPIRIT AND ATHLETICISM AS THEY PURSUE EXCELLENCE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SPORTS AND BRING PRIDE TO THE COUNTRY'S ATHLETIC COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, last August 21, 2018, Hidilyn Diaz gave the country its first gold medal in the 2018 Asian Games in the 53-Kilogram Weightlifting event with a combined score of 207 kilograms in the snatch and clean and jerk¹;

WHEREAS, despite the titanic pressure that was placed on her shoulders to bring home a gold medal and the limited support she received, her triumph in her beloved sport proved that girls with dreams become women with vision;

WHEREAS, her aspirations to realize her athletic career's zenith in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics signals her long and arduous journey with numerous competitions and endless training with the additional burden of uncertain support from the Philippine Sports Commission and the Philippine Olympic Committee²;

WHEREAS, she has lent her voice for other Filipino athletes from lesser known sports as she consistently and repeatedly shed light on the situations and conditions they experience and stresses this when she stated "Give us morale, and pakinggan kami sa kung anong kailangan namin"³ during an interview;

WHEREAS, she generously gave back to the community when she utilized her prize money from the 2016 Rio Olympic Games to build a weightlifting gym in her hometown in Zamboanga City⁴ which gives hope and a beginning for our future Olympians and shows us that when women succeed, we all win;

WHEREAS, last August 26, 2018, Yuka Saso had given the country its 2nd gold medal in the 2018 Asian Games as she strongly finished the individual women's golf tournament with a score of 13-under 275 total⁵;

WHEREAS, during the same day, the country's all-female premier golf trio comprised of gold medalist Yuka Saso, Bianca Pagdanganan, and Lois Kaye Go bested athletes from South Korea and China to deliver the 3rd gold medal of the country in the 2018 Asian Games with an impressive finish of a 22-under 554 total⁶;

¹ <https://www.rappler.com/sports/specials/asian-games/210032-weightlifting-hidilyn-diaz-gold-philippines>

² <https://news.abs-cbn.com/sports/08/22/18/weightlifting-after-asian-games-gold-hidilyn-diaz-charts-course-for-tokyo-2020>

³ *ibid*

⁴ <https://news.abs-cbn.com/sports/08/22/18/asian-games-what-will-gold-winner-hidilyn-diaz-do-with-p6-m-prize-money>

⁵ <https://www.rappler.com/sports/specials/asian-games/210435-golf-yuka-saso-gold-medal>

⁶ <http://sports.inquirer.net/316789/2018-asian-games-philippines-yuka-saso-wins-gold-medal-golf-dramatic->

WHEREAS, in this current context where women are being attacked and denigrated, Hidilyn Diaz, Yuka Saso, Bianca Pagdanganan, and Lois Kaye Go should serve as reminders of every Filipina's resilience in the face of adversity, perseverance despite uncertainty, and strength against all odds;

RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to commend and congratulate Hidilyn Diaz, Yuka Saso, Bianca Pagdanganan, and Lois Kaye Go for bringing home the country's gold medals in the 2018 Asian Games as well as embodying the Filipina spirit and athleticism as they pursue excellence in their respective sports and bring pride to the country's athletic community.

Adopted,


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