

SENATE

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A RESOLUTION

**COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION THAT
COMPETED IN THE 2018 ASIAN PARA GAMES IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA**

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has constantly recognized outstanding Filipino athletes for their invaluable contribution in bringing pride and honor to our country;

WHEREAS, the Asian Para Games is a multi-sport event held every four years for Asian athletes with physical impairments. For this year, the tournament, which took place from October 6 to 13, 2018, was hosted by Jakarta, Indonesia;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Team ends the tournament at a much improved 11th place. This is a significant improvement of the country from the 24th spot in the 2014 Asian Para Games;

WHEREAS, the country bagged a total of 29 medals, including 10 gold medals;

WHEREAS, FIDE master Sander Severino, diagnosed with muscle dystrophy, led the team's campaign by winning four gold medals. He was joined by his teammates Henry Lopez and Jasper Rom for the P1 Men's Chess team event;

WHEREAS, Menandro Redor, Israel Peligro and Arman Subaste also brought home gold chess medals for the country from the men's team standard VI B2/B3 event. They also won two silver and six bronze medals;

WHEREAS, the country's swimming team also finished strong in the competition. The team won eight medals – three of which were gold. Ernie Gawilan, born without legs and underdeveloped left limb, won three gold and two silver medals;

WHEREAS, the cycling team bagged three medals with Arthus Bucay winning gold in the men's C5 individual pursuit 4000m event and a bronze in the time trial event;

WHEREAS, other athletes who successfully secured a podium finish in their respective sports were Godfrey Taberna for cycling, Kim Ian Chi for tenpin bowling, Gary Bejino for swimming, Achelle Guion and Adeline Ancheta for powerlifting, Josephine Medina for table tennis, and Francis Ching, Rodolfo Sarmiento and Cecilio Bilog for B1 men's chess;

WHEREAS, these athletes deserve to be commended for their invaluable contribution to Philippine sports and by bringing pride and honor to our country;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to commend and congratulate the Philippine Delegation that competed in the 2018 Asian Para Games in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Approved,

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EMMANUEL D. PACQUIAO