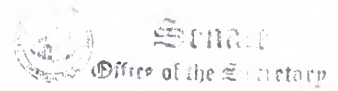
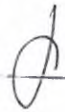


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RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE
SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF A SPORTS LEGEND AND
"ASIA'S FASTEST WOMAN" LYDIA DE VEGA

WHEREAS, Lydia de Vega, a renowned Filipina track and field athlete, succumbed to cancer on the 10th of August 2022 at the age of 57;

WHEREAS, Lydia, fondly called "Diay", also known as Asia's sprint queen is an athlete par excellence - a four-time Asian champion, two-time Asian Games gold medalist, and nine-time Southeast Asian games gold medalist;¹

WHEREAS, Lydia's rise to athletic renown transpired in the 1980s under the 'Gintong Alay' program. She started gaining fame when she bagged gold in the 200-meter and 400-meter events of the 1981 Southeast Asian (SEA) Games held in Manila;

WHEREAS, Lydia became the first Filipina and Asian to win back-to-back gold medals for the 100-meter dash at the 1982 New Delhi and 1986 Seoul Asian Games. She represented the Philippines twice in the Olympics - 1984 Los Angeles and 1988 Seoul Olympics;²

WHEREAS, Lydia has fortified herself as the best in the track-and-field arena in Asia after consistently winning gold in the 100 meters at the 1987, 1991, and 1993

¹ Marquez, J (July 21, 2022). Who is Lydia de Vega? A quick look back on the achievements of the track legend. Accessed from: <https://www.cnnphilippines.com/sports/2022/7/21/who-is-lydia-de-vega-track-legend-asia-s-fastest-woman.html>

² Lydia de Vega Athletic Records Accessed from: [Lydia DE VEGA | Profile | World Athletics](#)

SEA Games while also winning the 200-meter event in 1981, 1983, 1987, and 1993 of the meet. Truly the best in the field, she held the 100-meter and 200-meter national records for over three decades;

WHEREAS, at the height of Lydia's stellar career, she took a break from the limelight in the athletics scene between 1989 to 1991 to complete her degree and raise her family. She eventually retired from competing at the track and field event after the 1994 Manila-Fujian Games where she won gold in the 100-meter dash;

WHEREAS, like a true legend, Lydia may have retired from the field but her legacy continued on as she shone a light on the youth who she inspired. Even after her competitions, she continued her advocacy and public life by coaching young athletes, mostly children in Grades 3 to 6, and kept training differently-abled athletes in the latter years. It is a testament to her dedication to her craft, and her magnanimity in the field;

WHEREAS, Lydia's sportsmanship and athletic prowess have been acclaimed by the Philippines Sports Association composed of the country's sportswriters, electing her as "Athlete of the Year" in 1981, 1986 and 1987. She was also inducted to the "Hall of Fame" alongside other prominent athletes, basketball icons Carlos Loyzaga and Lauro Mumar and fellow trackster Mona Sulaiman;

WHEREAS, Lydia who has been battling cancer exemplified strength even in adversity when she made one of her last major public appearances at the 2019 SEA Games hosted by the country, where she was one of the country's flag bearers alongside fellow sports champions, Efren "Bata" Reyes, Paeng Nepomuceno, and Eric Buhain;

WHEREAS, Lydia is truly a true Asian track and field legend – who has excellently personified the admirable traits of a Filipina – passionate, determined, disciplined, and stunningly graceful in all her endeavors;

WHEREAS, as the whole nation mourns the loss of one of its greatest athletes whose indelible mark will forever be etched in history, we likewise honor her life and

legacy which brought pride and honor the country, and inspired a generation of athletes;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to express deepest sympathy and sincere condolences of the Senate of the Philippines on the death of a Sports Legend and "Asia's Fastest Woman" Lydia de Vega;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of the late Lydia de Vega.

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.