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Introduced by Senator JOEL VILLANUEVA

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**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING  
ERNEST JOHN "EJ" OBIENA FOR HIS OUTSTANDING  
PERFORMANCE AT THE 2022 TRUE ATHLETES CLASSIC EVENT**

**WHEREAS**, on August 28, 2022, Sunday, Germany time, pole vaulter EJ Obiena bagged another gold medal in the 2022 True Athletes Classic event held in Leverkusen, Germany;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the currently ranked world's 3<sup>rd</sup> best active male pole vaulter<sup>2</sup> snatched the victory after clearing the bar at 5.81 meters to finish ahead of Rutger Koppelaar of the Netherlands and Kurtis Marschall of Australia;<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS**, Obiena's gold medal in the 2022 True Athletes Classic event is his fifth medal in the span of a month<sup>4</sup> and third straight podium finish in a week<sup>5</sup>, having bagged the bronze medal in the World Athletics Championships last July 24, bronze medal in the Silesia leg of the 2022 Wanda Diamond League last August 6, gold medal in the Internationales Stabhochsprung-Meeting last August 24, and bronze medal in the Athletissima in Lausanne in the Wanda Diamond League last August 26;<sup>6</sup>

**WHEREAS**, Obiena previously earned 2 gold medals during the 2019 and 2022 Southeast Asian Games;<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>August 29, 2022. EJ Obiena bags another gold in Germany tilt, Manila Bulletin. Retrieved from <https://mb.com.ph/2022/08/29/ej-obiena-bags-another-gold-in-germany-tilt/> (date last accessed: August 30, 2022)

<sup>2</sup> Athlete Name: Ernest John Obiena, World Athletics Retrieved from <https://worldathletics.org/athletes/philippines/ernest-john-obiena-14522941> (date last accessed: August 30, 2022)

<sup>3</sup> *Supra* at Note 1.

<sup>4</sup>August 30, 2022. Obiena snares gold in Germany, The Manila Times. Retrieved from <https://www.manilatimes.net/2022/08/30/sports/obiena-snares-gold-in-germany/1856430> (date last accessed: August 30, 2022)

<sup>5</sup> *Supra* at Note 1.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>7</sup>May 14, 2022. EJ Obiena shatters SEA Games record, defends gold with ease. Retrieved from <https://www.rappler.com/sports/results-ej-obiena-pole-vault-athletics-sea-games-may-14-2022/> (date last accessed: August 30, 2022)

**WHEREAS**, the 26-year-old Manileño's undeniable talent, strength, discipline, and sportsmanship shined through as he continuously raises the bar and represents the country;

**WHEREAS**, Obiena's relentless pursuit of excellence in every competition is a testament to the world-class talent of Filipinos;

**RESOLVE BY THE SENATE**, that the Senate of the Philippines recognizes and commends EJ Obiena for yet another sterling performance.

Adopted,

  
SENATOR JOEL VILLANUEVA