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SENATE

P.S. Res. No. 177

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Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ERNEST JOHN "EJ" OBIENA FOR WINNING THE MEN'S POLE VAULT EVENT OF THE ALLIANZ MEMORIAL VAN DAMME PROGRAM OF THE WANDA DIAMOND LEAGUE ATHLETICS AT THE KING BAUDOIN STADIUM IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2022

WHEREAS, Filipino athletics player Ernest John "EJ" Obiena brought pride and glory to the Philippines after emerging victorious in the Men's Pole Vault Event of the Allianz Memorial Van Damme Program of the Wanda Diamond League Athletics at the King Baudouin Stadium in Brussels, Belgium on 3 September 2022;

WHEREAS, EJ Obiena defeated world champion and Olympian Swede athlete Armand Duplantis after clearing the 5.91 meter bar on his third try, this after the two athletes survived the 5.81 meters mark;

WHEREAS, EJ Obiena has previously raised the Philippine flag in the field of athletics by successfully bringing home gold medals for the country in the 2022 Orlen Cup in Lodz, Poland, the L'Aquila, Italy leg of the 2022 European City of Sports event, and the 2022 Southeast Asian Games, among many competitions he participated in this year;

WHEREAS, Ernest John Obiena was born on 17 November 1995 in Tondo, Manila to parents Emerson Obiena and Jeanette Uy;

WHEREAS, the 26-year-old Filipino athletics player first took up pole vault at the very young age of six, but primarily focused on doing hurdles and it wasn't until his last years in high school that he decided to do pole vault again in his effort to secure a college scholarship;

WHEREAS, currently ranked third in the world, EJ Obiena turned in a stellar performance and delivered a historic victory medal for the country;

WHEREAS, EJ Obiena's triumph in the Wanda Diamond League Athletics has brought pride, glory and inspiration to the Filipino people and has once again proven to the world the persistent and indomitable spirit of the Filipino, for which he deserves to be honored and commended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend Ernest John "EJ" Obiena for winning the men's pole vault event of the Allianz Memorial Van Damme Program of the Wanda Diamond League Athletics at the King Baudouin Stadium in Brussels, Belgium on 3 September 2022.

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI

