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House Resolution No. 2005



Introduced by **KABATAAN PARTY-LIST Representative Sarah Jane I. Elago**

RESOLUTION
COMMENDING AND SUPPORTING THE TWENTY-FOUR FILIPINO ATHLETES WHO QUALIFIED IN THE OYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS 2020 AND

WHEREAS, Section 17 of Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, "the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development;

WHEREAS, the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 will be held on July 23 to August 8, 2021 and the 2020 Tokyo Summer Paralympics will be held on August 24 to September 5 2021, both of which are major international multi-sport events;

WHEREAS, 19 Filipino athletes have qualified in various sports for the Olympics Games 2020, including: EJ Obiena for Athletics - Men's pole vault; Carlos Yulo for Gymnastics- Men's Individual all around qualifying; Hidilyn Siaz for Weightlifting – Women's 55kg; Elreen Ando for Weightlifting – Women's 64 kg; Margielyn Didal, for Skateboarding – Women's street; Eumir Marcial for Boxing – Men's middleweight; Nesthy Petecio for Boxing – Women's featherweight; Irish Magno – Boxing – Women's flyweight; Carlo Paalam for Boxing – Men's flyweight; Yuka Saso and Bianca Pagdanganan for Women's golf; Jovic Pagunsan for Men's golf; Kiyomi Watanabe for Judo -Women's – 63 kg; Cris Nievarez for Rowing – Men's single sculls; Kurt Barbosa for Taekwondo – Men's - 58 kg; Jayson Valdez for Shooting – Men's rifle 10m; Kristina Knott for Athletics – Women's 200m run; Remedy Rule for Swimming – Women's 200m freestyle and Women's 200m butterfly; and Luke Gebbie for Swimming – Men's 100m freestyle and Men's 50m freestyle;

WHEREAS, five Filipino para-athletes have qualified for the 2020 Paralympics, including: Ernie Gawilan, and Gary Bejino for Swimming; Allain Ganapin for Taekwondo; and Jerrold Mangliwan and Jeanette Aceveda for Athletics;

WHEREAS, these athletes have displayed resiliency, adaptability, commitment and determination as they qualified in the biggest world sports event despite the difficulty in training amidst the COVID-19 pandemic which brought physical, mental, and emotional stress to our athletes;

WHEREAS, many of these athletes have also experienced financial constraints brought by the lack of sufficient support from the public and private sectors, which made their training even harder;

WHEREAS, regardless of the result, these athletes have surely made the country proud;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the House of Representatives commend the achievements of the named 24 athletes for qualifying in the Olympics and Paralympics

as they continue to show motivation and desire to bring honor to the country despite the challenges that they face.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the House of Representatives shall provide moral support to the named athletes as they take on their respective journeys to the Olympics and Paralympics

Adopted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Elago', with a large, stylized initial 'S'.

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