A RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ERNEST JOHN “EJ” OBIENA
FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL AT THE PARIS DIAMOND LEAGUE

WHEREAS, on 28 August 2021, Filipino Olympian pole vaulter Ernest John “EJ” Obiena won the silver medal in the men’s pole vault category at the Paris Diamond League;

WHEREAS, the Wanda Diamond League or simply the “Diamond League” is an annual series of elite track and field athletic competitions comprising fourteen of the best invitational athletics meetings and sits in the top tier of the World Athletics one-day meeting competitions;

WHEREAS, EJ Obiena registered his new personal best and has made a new national record when he cleared 5.91 meters at the Paris leg of the Wanda Diamond League;

WHEREAS, the previous national record was 5.87 meters set by Obiena himself in June 2021 at the World Athletics Continental Tour in Poland, in the lead up to the Tokyo Olympic Games;

WHEREAS, EJ Obiena finished spectacularly behind world record holder and newly awarded Olympic gold medalist Armand Duplantis of Sweden, whose world record stands at 6.18 meters, and tallied 6.01 meters to secure his gold in the Paris Diamond League;

WHEREAS, EJ Obiena has shown a brilliant performance as he defeated Americans Christopher Nilsen, the silver medalist in the Tokyo Olympics, and Sam Kendricks, the bronze medalist in the Rio de Janeiro Games;
WHEREAS, the success and achievements of EJ Obiena has once again showcased the world-class talents and skills of the Filipino people and has greatly inspired other young Filipino athletes to pursue their passion in sports;

WHEREAS, Obiena’s victories are clear clamors and manifestations that Filipino athletes must be honed, supported, and recognized by the State as part of its commitment to nationalism and sports development;

WHEREAS, this achievement, like his previous accolades and triumphs which brought honor and Pride to the Filipino people especially our young Filipino athletes, deserves to be recognized immediately and sensibly by the State;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, to congratulate and commend Ernest John “EJ” Obiena for winning the Silver Medal at the Paris Diamond League.

Adopted,

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