RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO OLYMPIAN ERNEST JOHN “EJ” OBIENA FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE 17TH INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN ROOF CHALLENGE HELD IN AUSTRIA ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2021, AND FOR SETTING THE NEW ASIAN RECORD FOR THE HIGHEST LEAP IN POLE VAULT

WHEREAS, the 17th edition of the International Golden Roof Challenge is a prestigious world-class annual event in pole vault and long jump, held in Innsbruck, Austria on September 11, 2021, and participated in by 20 top Olympic finalists;

WHEREAS, the unique Golden Roof Challenge is part of the Golden Fly Series, a global sports event, where all the competitions are carried out on the largest mobile athletics facility in the world called the “FlySwat” which has a total length of 83 meters;

WHEREAS, Filipino Olympian Ernest John Obiena shattered the Asian pole vault record by clearing a height of 5.93 meters in the Men’s pole vault event, breaking the previous continental record of 5.92 meters set by Igor Potapovich of Kazakhstan’s on February 19, 1998;

WHEREAS, EJ Obiena in clearing a height of 5.93 meters in the Men’s pole vault event in Austria established a new Asian record and won the gold medal in the 2021 Golden Roof Challenge;

WHEREAS, in setting the new record, the Philippines’ top pole vaulter also surpassed his personal and national record of 5.91 meters that he previously set at the Paris Diamond League on August 28, 2021;
WHEREAS, the record-breaking feat of EJ Obiena has, once again, put the country in a global sports stage, and has exhibited to the entire world, the skill, discipline, and competitiveness of Filipino athletes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To congratulate and commend Filipino Olympian Ernest John “EJ” Obiena for winning the gold medal in the 17th International Golden Roof Challenge held in Austria on September 11, 2021, and for setting the new Asian record for the highest leap in pole vault;

Resolved, further, That Ernest John “EJ” Obiena be furnished a copy of this Resolution.

Adopted,

REP. FAUSTINO MICHAEL CARLOS T. DY III