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


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A RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE COBRA-PHILIPPINE DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION TEAM, ALSO KNOWN AS THE 'DRAGON WARRIORS,' FOR ITS EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE AT THE 10TH INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN TAMPA BAY, FLORIDA, WHERE THEY BAGGED 5 GOLD MEDALS AND 2 SILVERS, AND SHATTERED 5 WORLD RECORDS EN ROUTE TO SETTING NEW WORLD RECORDS IN VARIOUS EVENTS

WHEREAS, the Cobra-Philippine Dragon Boat Federation Team, also known as the 'Dragon Warriors,' lived up to its name as the one of the world's best and most feared dragon boat teams following its highly successful campaign at the 10th International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) World Championships held in Tampa Bay, Florida, in the United States from August 3-8, 2011;

WHEREAS, pitted against well-funded teams from 17 countries, the Dragon Warriors went on to haul seven medals at the biennial event, including five golds (1,000-meter men's event, 200-meter premiere men's event, 500-meter premiere men's event, 200-meter premiere mixed event, and 500-meter premier mixed event), as well as two silvers (premier all-comers mixed 200-meter event and premier all-comers open 200-meter event);

WHEREAS, the Dragon Warriors also set five new world records in each of the five events they dominated, including the 1000-meter men's event, the 200-meter men's event, the 500-meter men's event, the 200-meter mixed event, and the 500-meter mixed event;

WHEREAS, the victorious campaign of the Filipino rowers at the event is made bittersweet by the fact that the team went to compete in the 10th World Championships without receiving any official support from the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) on account that the Philippine Dragon Boat Federation (PDBF) had been stripped of its status as a National Sports Association (NSA) by the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC);

WHEREAS, in order to make it to the 10th World Championships, the Dragon Warriors depended on support from corporate sponsors for their plane fare and uniforms, and contributions from IDBF officials and the Filipino community in the US for their food and lodging,


WHEREAS, also due to lack of financial support, the PDBF only managed to assemble a 25-person crew for the 10th World Championships, limiting the team's participation to the small boat competitions which consists of 10 pairs plus the drummer and steerer;

WHEREAS, this limitation disallowed them from competing in the standard events which uses 24 pairs plus a drummer and steerer, where they could have easily won more golds;

WHEREAS, it should be noted that the PDBF rowers are the record holders in the 200-meter men's open category standard boat, where they won the gold and set new world records in the 2007 World championships in Sydney, Australia and the 2009 World Championships in Prague, Czech Republic, as well as the 200-meter mixed category standard boat where they won the gold and shattered the world record in the 2009 World Championships in Prague, Czech Republic;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate commend Cobra-Philippine Dragon Boat Federation Team, also known as the 'Dragon Warriors,' for its exceptional performance at the 10th International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) World Championships held in Tampa Bay, Florida, in the United States from August 3-8, 2011, where they won a total of five gold medals and 2 silver medals and shattered five world records en route to setting new world records in various events.

Adopted,


PIA S. CAYETANO
Senator