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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 680



Introduced by **HON. EDGAR M. CHATTO**
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RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE SPEAKER OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE
PHILIPPINE SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
(PHISGOC), HONORABLE ALAN PETER S. CAYETANO, AND THE
PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (POC),
HONORABLE ABRAHAM "BAMBOL" N. TOLENTINO FOR THEIR
EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP IN THE SUCCESSFUL HOSTING OF THE
30TH SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES HELD LAST 30 NOVEMBER – 11
DECEMBER 2019 IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the Philippines hosted the 2019 30th Southeast Asian Games (Seagames) - a biennial regional multi-sport event of eleven countries within the southeast Asian region;

WHEREAS, this is the fourth time the Philippines hosted the Seagames since its inception in 1959 and since the Philippines' inclusion in 1977. Previously, the Philippines was host to the 1981, 1991 and 2005 Seagames;

WHEREAS, the first Seagames was held in Bangkok from 12–17 December 1959 comprising more than 527 athletes and officials from Thailand, Burma (now Myanmar), Malaya (now Malaysia), Singapore, South Vietnam and Laos participating in 12 sports;

WHEREAS, the 2019 Seagames was the biggest in terms of the number of sporting events with a total of 56 and the second in terms of the number of competitors at 5,630 coming from eleven countries;

WHEREAS, the Honorable Speaker, Alan Peter S. Cayetano, Chairperson of the Philippine Southeast Asian Games Organizing Committee (PHISGOC), and the Honorable Abraham "Bambol" C. Tolentino, chair of the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) exemplified excellent leadership in ensuring the successful hosting of the 2019 30th Southeast Asian Games in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the opening and the closing ceremonies highlighted the country's rich culture and innovation as well as showcased world class talents. The hosting of the events likewise demonstrated the efficiency and hospitality of the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, the 2019 Seagames witnessed the first major decentralization in the history of the Games, with competition venues spread in 23 cities and municipalities across the country and divided into four clusters; all were located on the island of Luzon (Metro Manila, Clark, Subic/Olongapo, and a fourth cluster consisting of standalone venues in Batangas, Cavite, Laguna, and La Union);

WHEREAS, Philippines reclaimed its overall champion status, after 14 years, in the coveted international sports event with an impressive total of 387 medals: 149 gold, 117 silver, and 121 bronze medals;

WHEREAS, the Philippines was able to rise up above the challenges in organizing and conducting a multi-sports event of international character and showed our neighbors world-class leadership through the Honorable Speaker Alan Peter S. Cayetano and Honorable Abraham "Bambol" N. Tolentino, our very own colleagues. Their hardwork, determination and love of country deserve our utmost commendation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, to express its congratulations and commendation to Honorable Alan Peter S. Cayetano, chairperson of the Philippine Southeast Asian Games Organizing Committee (PHISGOC), and Honorable Abraham "Bambol" N. Tolentino, president of the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), for their exemplary leadership in the successful hosting of the 30th Southeast Asian Games held last 30 November – 11 December 2019 in the Philippines.

Adopted,


EDGAR M. CHATTO