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Introduced by Senator **PIA S. CAYETANO**

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**RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE PARALYMPIC DELEGATION FOR THEIR REMARKABLE PERFORMANCE AND VALIANT EFFORT IN THE 2024 PARIS PARALYMPICS, BRINGING PRIDE AND HONOR TO THE COUNTRY**

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 Paralympics Games took place between 28 August to 8 September 2024, with more than four thousand athletes from around the world competing in twenty-two sports in Paris, France, marking the country's first time to host the Paralympic Summer Games;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Paralympic Team, the largest the country has sent in twelve years, is comprised of a six-member delegation, namely: Ernie Gawilan and Angel Otom for para swimming, Jerrold Mangliwan for para athletics, Allain Ganapin for para taekwondo, Cendy Asusano for para javelin throw, and Agustina Bantiloc for para archery;<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, in her debut Paralympics, para athlete, Cendy Asusano, placed fourth in the women's javelin throw F54 and set a new personal best mark of 15.05

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<sup>1</sup> Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. (n.d.). *International Paralympic Committee*. <https://www.paralympic.org/paris-2024/sports#:~:text=The%20Paris%202024%20Paralympic%20Games,both%20individual%20and%20team%20sports>.

<sup>2</sup> Dioquino, D. (2024, August 26). 2024 Paris Paralympics: Meet Team Philippines. *Rappler*. <https://www.rappler.com/sports/team-philippines-athletes-paris-paralympics-2024/>

meters on her first attempt, marking the highest finish out of all Filipino Paralympians in this year's Games;<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS,** para swimmer Angel Otom advanced to the finals in both of her events, achieving a new personal best of 45.78 seconds and finishing fifth in the women's 50-meter butterfly S5 race as well as placing sixth in the women's 50m backstroke S5;<sup>4</sup>

**WHEREAS,** Veteran para swimmer Ernie Gawilan completed his Paralympic campaign by placing sixth in the men's 400m freestyle S7 and 11th in the men's S7 200m individual medley;<sup>5</sup>

**WHEREAS,** Jerrold Mangliwan achieved a commendable sixth place in the men's wheelchair race 100m T52 event and eighth place in the men's 400m T52 event;<sup>6</sup>

**WHEREAS,** after missing out on the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games due to COVID-19, Allain Ganapin made his second bid in the Paris Paralympics and reached round 16 of the men's -80kg K44 of the para taekwondo event;<sup>7</sup>

**WHEREAS,** para archer Agustina Bantiloc, made history as the country's first-ever Filipino archer in the Paralympic Games, and finished her campaign by placing twenty-eighth in the ranking round and scoring a season-best of 618;<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Asusano, Otom emerge as stars for Team PH in Paralympics. (2024, September 9). *ABS CBN News*. <https://news.abs-cbn.com/sports/2024/9/9/asusano-otom-emerge-as-stars-for-team-ph-in-paralympics-1342>

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> Dioquino, D. (2024, September 9). How Team Philippines fared in Paris Paralympics. *Rappler*. <https://www.rappler.com/sports/how-team-philippines-fared-paris-paralympics-2024/>

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>7</sup> Payo, K. (2024, August 31). Allain Ganapin ends thrilling Paris para taekwondo run in round of 16. *Rappler*.

<https://www.rappler.com/sports/allain-ganapin-results-paris-paralympics-para-taekwondo-men-k44-80kg-august-31-2024/>

<sup>8</sup> Matel, P. Para archer Bantiloc last in Paris ranking round despite season-best mark. *Rappler*. <https://www.rappler.com/sports/para-archery-results-agustina-bantiloc-paris-paralympics-august-29-2024/>

**WHEREAS,** with four final appearances, our Philippine Paralympians showcased their commendable performance, deserving of recognition for their individual achievements and efforts, as their participation in the Paralympic Games is a testament to their unparalleled skills and determination;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Senate of the Philippines congratulates and commends Philippine Paralympic Delegation for their remarkable performance and valiant effort in the 2024 Paris Paralympics, bringing pride and honor to the country.

*Adopted,*

*Pia S. Cayetano* *PS*  
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