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RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ERNEST JOHN "EJ" OBIENA FOR WINNING THE BRONZE MEDAL IN THE WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD AT HAYWARD FIELD IN EUGENE, OREGON, USA ON JULY 24, 2022, SETTING A NEW ASIAN RECORD IN THE STAR-STUDED MEN'S POLE VAULT EVENT

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WHEREAS, pole vaulter Ernest John "EJ" Obiena achieved another milestone in his checkered career soaring to a record-breaking jump of 5.94 meters to capture the bronze medal in the 18th World Athletics Championships held on July 24, 2022 in the United States of America;

WHEREAS, "EJ", as he is fondly called and now 26 years old, was born to track and field athletes, Emerson Obiena and Jeanette Uy on November 17, 1995 in Tondo, Manila. He is of Chinese descent and attended Chiang Kai Shek College for his secondary education and later entered the University of Santo Tomas for his college studies;

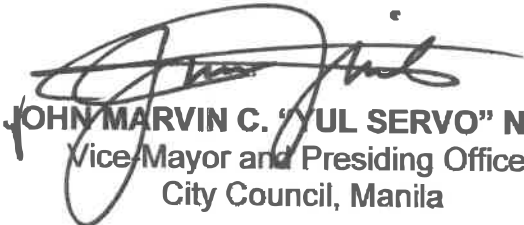
WHEREAS, in early 2014, Obiena was able to meet renown Ukrainian pole vaulter Sergey Bubka who was visiting the Philippines and it was from Bubka that he was able to learn of an opportunity to train in Italy and during that same year for three months, Obiena went to Italy to train under coach Vitaly Petroy in Formia who also previously coached the Ukrainian pole vault star;

WHEREAS, Obiena won the gold medal in the Summer Universiade by topping the men's pole vault event by clearing 5.76 meters in the 30th edition of the Games in Napoli, Italy in 2019. His performance was a record-breaking one as he erased his previous national mark of 5.71 meters set during the Asian Athletics Championships in Doha, Qatar in April of the same year before registering a Southeast Asian Games new record of 5.45 meters;

WHEREAS, "EJ" Obiena declared shortly after his latest feat that he is "hungry for more cookie and the best is yet to come" as he continues to inspire his countrymen through hard work and perseverance: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to congratulate, as it hereby congratulates Ernest John "EJ" Obiena for winning the bronze medal in the World Athletics Championships held at Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon, USA on July 24, 2022, setting a new asian record in the star-studded men's pole vault event.

PRESIDED BY:


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Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer
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This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on July 26, 2022.

ATTESTED:


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