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RESOLUTION LAUDING AND COMMENDING THE FILIPINO OLYMPIAN POLE VAULT ATHLETE, MR. ERNEST JOHN UY OBIENA, FOR ACHIEVING WORLD RANKING NO. 2 IN THE MEN'S POLE VAULT ACCORDING TO THE WORLD ATHLETICS RANKING, WITH A SCORE OF 1,432

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WHEREAS, the City Council of Manila has consistently given recognition and commendation to exemplary Filipino athletes for their contributions and for bringing honor and pride to the city and the country by winning accolades in international competitions through their relentless pursuit of sports excellence;

WHEREAS, Ernest John Uy Obiena, also known as "EJ Obiena", is a Filipino Pole Vaulter who competed in the Olympics. He ranked second in the world in the Men's Pole Vault by the World Athletics Organization in 2023;

WHEREAS, Mr. Obiena was born on November 17, 1995, in Tondo, Manila, to track and field athletes Emerson Obiena and Jeanette Uy. Prior to enrolling at the University of Santo Tomas (UST) for his undergraduate studies, Obiena completed his secondary education at Chiang Kai Shek College;

WHEREAS, with 1,432 ranking points – four points more than American Chris Nilsen, our Filipino Pole Vaulter, who was formerly ranked No. 3, surpassed Nilsen taking over the second place;

WHEREAS, after recently setting a new record at the Asian Athletics meet with a distance of 5.91 meters, beating his previous mark of 5.71 meters set in 2019, Mr. Obiena has been dominating international games this year;

WHEREAS, Mr. Obiena cleared 5.82 meters in the Bauhaus-Galan leg of the Diamond League in Stockholm, Sweden, to earn a spot in the 2024 Paris Olympics, his second consecutive appearance in the Summer Games;

WHEREAS, Mr. Obiena, who was the first Filipino and Asian to win the Bergen Jump Challenge in Norway last June 2023, also became a member of the exclusive "six-meter club" when he cleared six meters;

WHEREAS, at the 32nd Southeast Asian Games, which was held in Cambodia in May 2023, Mr. Obiena also performed admirably. He broke the meet record with a jump of 5.65 meters, winning three gold medals at the biannual competition: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to laud and commend, as it hereby lauds and commends the Filipino Olympian Pole Vault Athlete, Mr. Ernest John Uy Obiena, for achieving World Ranking No. 2 in the Men's Pole Vault according to the World Athletics Ranking, with a score of 1,432.

PRESIDED BY:

JOHANNA MAUREEN C. NIETO-RODRIGUEZ
Acting Presiding Officer
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This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on September 5, 2023.

ATTESTED:

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