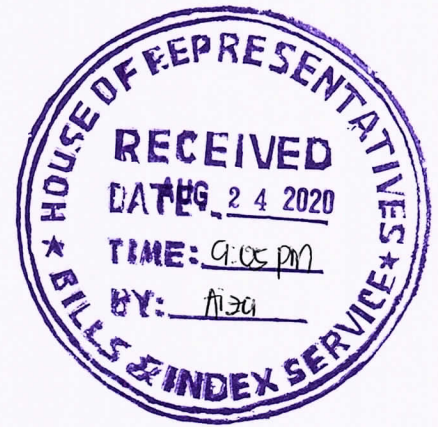


Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1156



Introduced by Representative Eric M. Martinez

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO POLE VAULTER ERNEST JOHN "EJ" OBIENA FOR WINNING THE BRONZE MEDAL IN THE ELEVENTH (11th) EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATHLETICS FEDERATIONS (IAAF) WORLD DIAMOND LEAGUE ATHLETICS HELD IN MONACO ON AUGUST 15, 2020

WHEREAS, the eleventh (11th) edition of the Diamond League, an annual series of elite track and field athletic competitions, comprising fifteen (15) of the world's best invitational athletics meetings, was held at the Louis II Stadium in Monaco on August 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, Filipino pole vaulter Ernest John "EJ" Obiena made history after winning the bronze medal in the men's pole vault event after clearing a season-best 5.70-meter mark;

WHEREAS, the Olympic-bound Obiena became the first Filipino to play in the prestigious Diamond League and the first one to land a podium finish;

WHEREAS, the twenty-four-year-old Obiena registered a personal season best of 5.70 meters to claim the bronze medal despite a long layoff after he was forced to stop training for more than a month due to coronavirus pandemic lockdown in Italy;

WHEREAS, the reigning Southeast Asian Games gold medalist and record-holder ended up tied for second with Belgian Ben Broeders but the latter got a 5.70-meter mark on his first try while Obiena accomplished it on his second attempt;

WHEREAS, his performance was a huge jump from the 5.45 meter he did in copping the silver medal in the thirteenth (13th) Triveneto International Meeting in Trieste, Italy;

WHEREAS, most importantly, Obiena fared better than 2016 Rio Olympic gold medalist Thiago Braz of Brazil who landed fifth (5th) after clearing only 5.50-meter mark;

WHEREAS, it is only fitting to commend athlete Obiena for his indubitable spirit and resolute pursuit for excellence, and for giving pride and honor to our country in the field of athletics: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To congratulate and commend Filipino pole vaulter Ernest John "EJ" Obiena for winning the bronze medal in the eleventh (11th) edition of the IAAF Federations World Diamond League Athletics held in Monaco on August 15, 2020.

Resolved, further, That pole vaulter Ernest John "EJ" Obiena be furnished with a copy of this Resolution.

Adopted,



REP. ERIC M MARTINEZ