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HOUSE BILL NO. 10096

Introduced by Representatives Eric M. Martinez, Faustino Michael Carlos T. Dy III, John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto, Dale "Along" R. Malapitan and Edward Vera Perez Maceda

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Philippine history marks 2021 as the year when the country obtained its first ever gold medal in the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan. Indeed, after almost a century of drought for an Olympic gold, Hidilyn Francisco Diaz, a native of Zamboanga City, bagged the gold medal in the 55-kilogram Weightlifting category. This success brought immense pride and joy, and lifted the drooping spirits of our countrymen who continue to suffer amidst the many challenges brought about by the COVID-19 global health crisis. Hidilyn F. Diaz' success likewise proved, once again, the uniting force a victory in an international sporting event brings about to the Filipino people, bridging our differences and unifying, at least momentarily, so many of our discordant voices. Indeed, the honor, pride, and glory brought about by our athletes' success and their heroism, amidst the seemingly insurmountable challenges in the Olympics need to be recognized, memorialized, and should forever be etched in our national consciousness now and for generations to come.

It is therefore timely and fitting that we propose to establish a Philippine Olympian Memorial that will provide a permanent and fitting commemoration for the blood, sweat, and tears, our national athletes have shed to represent the Philippines in the Olympics. The bill proposes to establish an Olympian Museum that shall be stationed at New Clark City Sports Complex, in Capas, Tarlac, where every Filipino would have the chance to visit, to know, and draw inspiration from our Olympians.

The measure proposes to name or rename public infrastructures and facilities in honor of our Olympians. To initiate this memorialization, the measure hereby names the New Clark City Aquatics Center as the "**Teofilo E. Yldefonso Aquatics Center**", after swimmer Teofilo E. Yldefonso, known as the "Father of Modern Breaststroke", and the first Filipino Olympian who won two Olympic bronze medals for the Philippines, in the

Men's 200-meter breaststroke event at the Amsterdam 1928 and the Los Angeles 1932 Summer Olympic games.

The New Clark City Athletics Stadium shall be named as the “**Simeon G. Toribio Athletics Stadium**” after the Filipino high jumper Simeon G. Toribio who won a bronze medal in the Los Angeles 1932 Summer Olympics.

The Philippine Institute of Sports Football and Athletics Stadium (formerly known as ULTRA Stadium) located at PhilSports Complex in Pasig, City shall be named as the “**Miguel S. White Athletics Stadium**”, after track and field Olympian Miguel S. White who won a bronze medal in the 400-meter hurdles event at the Berlin 1936 Summer Olympics.

The measure likewise mandates the Department of Education to integrate with the basic education curriculum, the core values, principles, individual heroism, and sacrifices many of our national athletes have contributed to inspire the young and future generations. Other equally important memorabilia like coins, postage stamps, decals and customized car plates, shall likewise be issued by concerned government agencies.

Our national athletes have not, historically, been given the recognition, material and moral support they rightfully deserve. The resources extended to them are historically way below compared to what many of our neighboring countries have been regularly providing for their national athletes.

It is, therefore, through this memorialization of our athletes' successes that the country can reciprocate for the sacrifices they have given and from which today's and the future generation could draw inspiration from.

It is for these reasons that the approval of this measure is strongly urged.




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AN ACT
MEMORIALIZING THE HEROISM OF FILIPINO OLYMPIANS,
ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE AN OLYMPIAN MEMORIAL AND
OTHER MODES OF COMMEMORATION, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines
in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the “*Philippine Olympian Memorial Act*”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to promote excellence in sports to foster self-discipline, teamwork, patriotism, and nationalism. Toward this end, the State shall enshrine and immortalize the indomitable spirit of Filipino Olympians who brought honor, glory, and recognition to the country through various modes of memorialization and preservation of Olympian memorabilia.

SEC. 3. *Olympian.* - The term Olympian shall refer to any national athlete, including Paralympic athlete, who qualified, participated or won in the Olympic games: *Provided*, That winning in any Olympic sports event shall not be a requirement for an athlete to be enshrined or memorialized under this Act.

SEC. 4. *Modes of Commemoration.*- The Philippine Olympians shall be immortalized through any of the following modes:

- a) Naming or renaming of any road, street, or alley within a city, municipality, or barangay under the Olympian's name where the athlete was born: *Provided*, That a city, municipal or barangay resolution shall be approved for the purpose;
- b) Naming or renaming of public sports facilities, schools, plazas, buildings, bridges, and other public structures pursuant to an ordinance or resolution approved by concerned local government unit;
- c) Establishment of an Olympian museum at the existing New Clark City Sports Complex in Capas, Tarlac which shall be the official repository of all Olympian records and other memorabilia, and access thereto shall be open to the public;
- d) Inclusion in the basic education curriculum of the life stories and sacrifices of Olympic medalists relative to their Olympic participation;
- e) Issuance of commemorative postage stamps and coins that are considered legal tender; and
- f) Distribution of decals, customized car plates, and other memorabilia to commemorate the participation and success of Philippine Olympians.

Provided, That the memorials referred to in subparagraphs (a), (b) (d), and (e) of this Section shall only be given posthumously.

SEC. 5. Roles of Concerned Agencies. – The following agencies are mandated to perform the following tasks:

- a) The Philippine Sports Commission shall:
 - 1. Form an Executive Committee which shall be responsible for the overall coordination with concerned government agencies mandated to implement the various modes of commemoration provided in this Act;
 - 2. Conduct extensive research and establish an accurate data base, in coordination with the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NCIP), on all the names of Philippine Olympians, including their respective coaches, *chef de mission*, and all other members of their delegation since the Philippines participated in the Olympic Games, and all other relevant information related thereto;
 - 3. Provide available records and other relevant information to various agencies in carrying out their respective mandates as provided for in this Act;

4. Establish the Olympian Museum inside the New Clark City Sports Complex, in coordination with the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA); and
 5. Enshrine in the Philippine Sports Hall of Fame all the Olympian medalists, pursuant to Republic Act No. 8757.
- b) The Philippine Olympic Committee, in consultation with the National Sports Associations, shall provide to concerned agencies relevant information, records, rankings, photos, and other memorabilia of the Olympians and their respective Philippine delegation;
 - c) The National Historical Commission of the Philippines shall undertake research, publication, restoration, preservation, conservation and commemoration in various fora, significant historical sports events and personages relevant to Philippine participation in the Olympics, including all Olympians, their respective coaches, chef de mission, and the entire Philippine delegation who participated in the Olympic games since 1924;
 - d) The Department of Education (DepEd) shall integrate with the basic education curriculum the teachings of Olympic core values, principles, and select individual stories to underscore the sacrifices of Philippine Olympians as part of the values education, social studies, or Philippine history;
 - e) The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall install and maintain appropriate markers or signages along roads, streets or alleys with the names of the Olympians, and issue the necessary orders and circulars to implement the provisions of this Act;
 - f) The concerned local government unit (LGU) shall enact the appropriate ordinance or resolution naming or renaming roads, streets or alleys, including sports facilities, schools, plazas, building, bridges, and other public structures within their respective jurisdiction. Pursuant thereto, the LGU shall likewise be responsible for the installation of markers or signages;
 - g) The BCDA shall establish an Olympian museum, facilities and other related amenities inside the New Clark City Sports Complex to carry out the objectives of this Act;
 - h) The Department of Tourism (DOT) shall promote sports tourism such as visits to famous sports attractions, museums, complexes, stadiums, hall of fame sites, and other sporting venues;

- i) The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) shall issue commemorative coins considered as legal tender and classified as numismatic items. The design of the coins minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the Olympians' participation;
- j) The Philippine Postal Corporation (PHILPOST) shall design and release commemorative postage stamps displaying the name, photo or the sports of the Olympian; and
- k) The Land Transportation Office (LTO) shall design and issue commemorative car plates emblematic of the Olympics or sports participated in by Philippine Olympians.

SEC. 6. Naming of Sports Facilities to Distinguished Olympians.- The Aquatics Center located at the New Clark City Sports Complex shall be named and henceforth be called as the “**Teofilo E. Yldefonso Aquatics Center**”, after swimmer Teofilo E. Yldefonso, the first Filipino Olympian who won two Olympic bronze medals for the Philippines, in the men’s 200-meter breaststroke event at the Amsterdam 1928 and the Los Angeles 1932 Summer Olympic games, respectively.

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SEC.7. Appropriations.- The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year’s budget of the PSC, DPWH, DepEd, NHCP, DOT, BSP, Philpost and LTO. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Upon the effectivity of this Act, the BCDA shall likewise immediately include in its procurement plan the establishment of an Olympian museum and other related facilities and amenities whose funding shall also be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the PSC shall, in consultation and coordination with the DPWH, DepEd, NHCP, DOT, BSP, Philpost, LTO and other concerned agencies, formulate the rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act: *Provided*, That the failure to promulgate the rules and regulations shall not prevent the implementation of this Act upon its effectivity.

SEC. 9. Separability Clause. - If any part or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 10. Repealing Clause. - All laws, executive orders, issuances, decrees, rules, and regulations, inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed amended, modified, or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 11. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,