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RESOLUTION NO. SP- **10262**, S-2025

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MS. SOPHIA "OPAO" CATANTAN FOR WINNING THE BRONZE MEDAL IN THE 2025 FIE SINGAPORE FOIL SATELLITE HELD ON OCTOBER 12, 2025 AT THE OCBC ARENA IN SINGAPORE, BRINGING HONOR AND PRIDE TO QUEZON CITY AND THE ENTIRE FILIPINO NATION

Introduced by Councilors JOSEPH P. JUICO, TANY JOE "TJ" L. CALALAY, BERNARD R. HERRERA, DOROTHY A. DELARMENTE, M.D., CHARM FERRER, CPA, MPA, JD, NICOLE "Nikki" V. CRISOLOGO

Co-Introduced by Councilors Mikey F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Atty. Voltaire Godofredo "Bong" Liban III, Aly Medalla, Dave C. Valmocina, Geleen "Dok G" Lumbad, Atty. Christoffer Allan "Tope" Liquigan, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Don S. De Leon, Luigi D. Pumaren, Atty. Vicente Belmonte Jr., Edgar "Egay" G. Yap, Nanette Castelo Daza, Imee Rillo, Atty. Jesus Miguel Suntay, Raquel S. Malañgen, Joseph Joe Visaya, Aiko Melendez, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Karl Edgar Castelo, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Kristine Alexia Matias, RN, Victor "Vic" D. Bernardo, Erwin Rey "Cocoy" A. Medina, Jose Maria "Mari" M. Rodriguez and Jhon Angelli "Sami" C. Neri

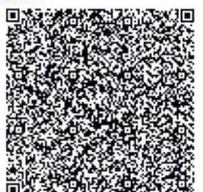
WHEREAS, the Quezon City Council recognizes the importance of honoring outstanding achievements of young Quezon City residents who bring pride, honor, and international recognition to the City through their dedication, talent, and sportsmanship;

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WHEREAS, Ms. Sophia “Opao” Catantan, a resident of Barangay Del Monte, District I, Quezon City and a proud alumnus of the Quezon City Sports Enhancement Program (SEP) Fencing Program, made history after clinching a bronze medal on the final day of the 2025 FIE Singapore Foil Satellite held on October 12, 2025 at the OCBC Arena in Singapore;

WHEREAS, Ms. Catantan, a 16-year-old student-athlete from the University of the East, the third among four siblings in the renowned Catantan fencing family, displayed exceptional skill and determination, defeating several top-seeded international opponents, including the tournament’s No. 1 seed, to secure a place in the medal round; notably, her sister, Ms. Samantha Kyle Catantan, made history as the first Filipina fencer to compete in the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, further cementing the Catantan family’s legacy in Philippine fencing;

WHEREAS, her bronze medal finish marked a historic milestone for Philippine fencing, being the first international foil medal for the Country since 2018, and more significantly, the first FIE medal in 22 years since Mr. Wally Mendoza won a medal for the Philippines in an FIE-sanctioned event, thereby reigniting national pride in the sport of fencing;

WHEREAS, the Fédération Internationale d’Escrime (FIE) World Championships represent the highest level of international fencing competition outside of the Olympic Games, bringing together the world’s top-ranked athletes from over 150 member nations and serving as a definitive platform for determining global rankings and national prestige in the sport;

WHEREAS, her achievement also highlights the continued success of the national fencing program under the guidance of head coach Amat Canlas and Korean coach Kim Hyungsup, whose mentorship and training have contributed to the sport’s resurgence in the Country;

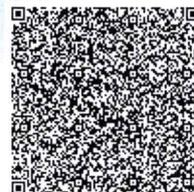
WHEREAS, Ms. Catantan’s victory reflects not only her perseverance and commitment to excellence but also serves as an inspiration to the youth of Quezon City, exemplifying the values of discipline, hard work, and passion in pursuit of one’s dreams.

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NOW, THEREFORE,

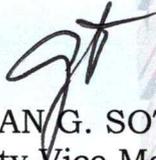
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to congratulate and commend, as it does hereby congratulate and commend, Ms. Sophia "Opao" Catantan for winning the Bronze Medal in the 2025 FIE Singapore Foil Satellite held on October 12, 2025 at the OCBC Arena in Singapore, bringing honor and pride to Quezon City and the entire Filipino nation.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to Ms. Sophia "Opao" Catantan for her exemplary achievement and continued contribution to Philippine sports.

ADOPTED: November 12, 2025.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was ADOPTED by the City Council on Second Reading on November 12, 2025 and was CONFIRMED on November 19, 2025.


GIANG G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the Sanggunian)