

Republic of the Philippines  
Congress of the Philippines  
**Senate**  
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RESOLUTION No. 79

RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING  
GRANDMASTER WESLEY SO FOR PLACING  
EIGHTH IN THE WORLD CHESS RANKING WITH  
2700 ELO RATING IN THE WORLD CHESS  
FEDERATION (FIDE) MAKING HIM THE  
HIGHEST-RATED FILIPINO GRANDMASTER IN  
HISTORY

WHEREAS, the Senate has, on several occasions, paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for their laudable feats which have brought pride and honor to the country, such as winning awards in international events and competitions;

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2013, the Senate adopted Resolution No. 12 congratulating and commending Grandmaster Wesley So for bringing honor and distinction to the country by winning the gold medal in the men's chess

competitions of the 27<sup>th</sup> Summer Universiade (World University Games) at the Kazan Equestrian Complex in Kazan, Russia last July 2013, the first time that any individual or team from the Philippines had won a gold medal in any sport in 54 years of competitions at the Universiade;

WHEREAS, Grandmaster So is the Philippines' youngest ever International Master, Grandmaster and National Champion, and also the eighth youngest player in the world to be conferred the Grandmaster title at the age of 14 years, one month and 28 days;

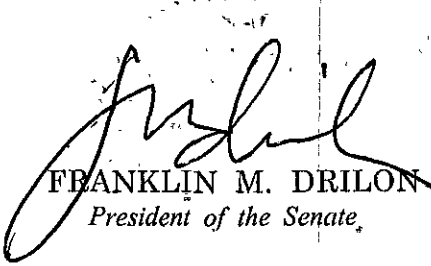
WHEREAS, since his difficult decision to transfer to the United States Chess Federation, Grandmaster So has soared to No. 2 in the U.S. World Chess Federation (FIDE) rating list, and now officially ranked the eighth highest-rated chess player in the world as of March 2015, making him the highest-rated Filipino Grandmaster in history, with 2700 ELO rating in the FIDE;

WHEREAS, despite his transfer to the U.S. Chess Federation in order to get more serious training and to be able to compete in high-level events, and amidst his impressive rise in the world ranking Grandmaster So has maintained his Filipino citizenship, and has time and again declared his pride for his Filipino heritage;

WHEREAS, cognizant of his unparalleled feat in the world of chess and his determination to excel in the field, Grandmaster So deserves to be commended for being a source of great pride and inspiration to the Filipino people: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, as it is hereby resolved,* That the Senate commend and congratulate Grandmaster Wesley So for placing eighth in the world chess ranking with 2700 ELO rating in the World Chess Federation (FIDE) making him the highest-rated Filipino Grandmaster in history.

Adopted,



FRANKLIN M. DRILON  
President of the Senate.

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on  
March 17, 2015.



OSCAR G. YABES  
*Secretary of the Senate*

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