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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES STUDENT MIKAS ALEYA C. MATSUZAWA FOR BEING AMONG TWELVE GLOBAL WINNERS, REPRESENTING THE EAST ASIA & PACIFIC REGION, IN THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT-SPONSORED DEMOCRACY PHOTO CHALLENGE ANNOUNCED LAST 15 SEPTEMBER 2010 FROM WASHINGTON D.C., UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for their outstanding achievements in bringing home pride and glory to the country by becoming champions in international competitions;

WHEREAS, University of the Philippines student Mikas Aleya C. Matsuzawa was declared by the U.S. State Department-sponsored Democracy Video Challenge and its partners as among the twelve winners in a global dialogue on democracy participated by 3,000 people from 131 countries;

WHEREAS, the Democracy Photo Challenge is a worldwide online competition that allows people around the world to share, consider, debate, and learn from diverse perspectives on the meaning of democracy in today's world;

WHEREAS, Mikas Aleya C. Matsuzawa's winning photo features a young student walking on a cratered dirt road carrying a little red "parol" conveys her answer to the theme that "Democracy is... accessible and quality education for all. It is education as a right.";

WHEREAS, an independent jury co-chaired by Willis Hartshorn (Ehrenkranz Director of the International Center of Photography), Phil Borges (documentary photographer and founder of the nonprofit Bridges to Understanding), and Academy Award-winning documentary director Louie Psihoyos (photographer and executive director of the Oceanic Preservation Society) selected the 36 finalists, and the online voting public chose the twelve winners, two from each region of the world, the other eleven being: Kaylene George of South Africa, Mike Mitchell of Benin, Venkatesh Hamyanaik of Australia, Mehman Huseynov of Azerbaijan, Dino Peric of Bosnia & Herzegovina, Kaveh Baghdadchi of Iran, Mohamed Kaouche of Algeria, Mustafa Kia of Afghanistan, Jun Krishna Joshi of Nepal, Ian Cunningham of the United States, and Wladia Drummond of Brazil;

WHEREAS, by winning this worldwide online competition, University of the Philippines student Mikas Aleya C. Matsuzawa has made our country proud and has shown to the world the spirit of Filipino ingenuity and excellence;

WHEREAS, this outstanding performance by our Filipino student deserves to be commended for the honor and recognition she has brought to our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend University of the Philippines student Mikas Aleya C. Matsuzawa for being among twelve global winners, representing the East Asia & Pacific Region, in the U.S. State Department-Sponsored Democracy Photo Challenge announced last 15 September 2010 from Washington D.C., United States of America.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator