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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING TEAM LAGABLAB FOR BAGGING THE ROOKIE ALL STAR AWARD AND THE HIGHEST ROOKIE SEED AWARD DURING THE REGIONAL FIRST (FOR INSPIRATION AND RECOGNITION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY) ROBOTICS COMPETITION IN HONOLULU, HAWAII LAST 28 MARCH 2009.

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

WHEREAS, "Team Lagablab" was the lone Filipino team to compete in the Regional FIRST Robotics Competition in Honolulu, Hawaii last March 2009;

WHEREAS, Team Lagablab is composed of 32 junior students from Philippine Science High School, eight mentors from the University of the Philippines and De La Salle University and three coaches from Philippine Science High School;

WHEREAS, FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a US-based organization founded by inventor Dean Kamen in 1989, aimed at inspiring young people to engage in science and technology;

WHEREAS, the FIRST Robotics Competition is a unique varsity sport of the mind designed to help high-school-aged young people discover how interesting and rewarding the life of engineers and researchers can be;

WHEREAS, during the conclusion of the said competition Team Lagablab was honored with two major awards: the Rookie All Star Award, for exemplifying a young but strong partnership effort, as well as implementing the mission of FIRST to inspire students to learn more about science and technology, and the Highest Rookie Seed Award, conferred to the team's robot, Larry Labuyo, for being the highest seeded rookie at the conclusion of the qualifying rounds;

WHEREAS, the major awards garnered by our Filipino students in the Regional FIRST Robotics Competition in Honolulu, Hawaii last March 2009 show that with proper training, Filipino students can excel in the field of robotics and can ably compete with their foreign counterparts;

WHEREAS, this excellent performance displayed by our Filipino students has renewed our determination to further develop and improve our educational system and establish the Philippines as a breeding ground for globally competitive scientists and researchers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend Team Lagablab for bagging the Rookie All Star Award and the Highest Rookie Seed Award during the Regional FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics competition in Honolulu, Hawaii last 28 March 2009.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator 