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## A RESOLUTION

COMMENDING JOVANI SASO TOMALE FOR WINNING A SPECIAL AWARD AT THE INTEL INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR 2009, AND FOR HIGHLIGHTING THE POTENTIALS OF THE FILIPINO YOUTH IN THE FIELD OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 10 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, "science and technology are essential for national development and progress" and mandates the State to give priority to research and development, invention, innovation, and their utilization;

WHEREAS, the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) is an annual competition organized by the Society for Science and the Public (SSP) that gathers the brightest high school students to promote understanding and appreciation of science and the vital role it plays in human advancement;

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2009, Mr. Jovani Saso Tomale, a 16-year-old 4th year student of Davao City National High School, was given the second special award by the American Statistical Association for his work entitled, "Mathematical Models for the Gender Determination of Philippine Eagles (Pitecophaga jeffreyi)," at the Intel ISEF held in Reno, Nevada;

WHEREAS, due recognition should also be given to Jovani's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas and Grace Tomale, both of whom have done an excellent job in raising him and instilling in him the values of hard work and perseverance, and to Jovani's uncle, Mr. Vladimir Kobayashu, who helped Jovani pursue his research;

WHEREAS, the international recognition received by Jovani, which exemplifies the global competitiveness and excellence of the Filipino youth, should remind and prompt the government to further enhance scientific research and education in our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Philippine Senate commends Jovani Saso Tomale for winning a special award at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair 2009, and for highlighting the potentials of the Filipino youth in the field of scientific research.

Adopted,

Senator