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A RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE 13-MEMBER PHILIPPINE CONTINGENT FOR PLACING FOURTH IN THE 10<sup>TH</sup> INVITATIONAL WORLD YOUTH MATHEMATICS INTERCITY COMPETITION (IWYMIC) HELD IN DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA FROM JULY 5-10, 2009, BRINGING HONOR AND PRIDE TO THE PHILIPPINES AND AFFIRMING THE GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS AND POTENTIALS OF THE FILIPINO YOUTH IN THE FIELD OF MATHEMATICS.

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 13 provides that, “the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs”;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Daily Inquirer, in an article entitled “Filipino ‘Mathletes’ Bag 27 Medals”, dated 19 July 2009, reported that the 13-member Philippine contingent placed fourth in the 10<sup>th</sup> Invitational World Youth Mathematics Intercity Competition (IWYMIC) held in Durban, South Africa from July 5-10, 2009;

WHEREAS, the thirteen Filipino students who were given awards were: Geraldine Baniqued of St. Paul College-Pasig, Arielle Elise Chua of St. Jude Catholic School, Russell Virata of Gideon Academy, Zheng Rong Wu of Zamboanga Chong Hua High School, Adrian Raphael Co of British School Manila, Matthew Chris Chan of St. Stephen’s High School, Ostin John Ong of Bacolod Trinity Christian School, Vance Eldric Go of St. Jude Catholic School-Manila, Elvis Jeremy Ayroso of the Philippine Science High School-Manila, Sarah Jane Cua of Pangasinan Universal Institute, Paolo Manuel Iyulores of Ateneo de Manila University High School, Janssem Kotah of Philippine Cultural College and Hanz Vladimir Cabanes of Zamboanga Chong Hua High School;

WHEREAS, Baniqued, Chua, Virata and Wu, members of the Philippines’ Team A posted a first runner-up finish in the team category competitions earning a trophy and silver medals;

WHEREAS, the Philippines’ Team B composed of Co, Chan, Ong and Go, second-runner up in the team category, brought home a trophy and bronze medals;

WHEREAS, the members of Philippines’ Team C namely, Ayroso, Iyulores, Kotah and Cabanes also received a Merit Award in the team category competition;

WHEREAS, Cua, who was put in the Canada International All-Girls Team, earned herself a bronze medal when her Canada team took the second-runner up spot in the team category;

WHEREAS, seven of the Filipino participants, namely Baniqued, Virata, Wu, Chan, Go, Ayroso and Cua received a bronze medal each for earning high marks in the individual category competition;

WHEREAS, Co, Ong, Chua, and Iyulores were also awarded certificates of merit for satisfactory scores in the individual category;

WHEREAS, according to Dr. Simon Chua, president and co-founder of the Mathematics Trainers' Guild (MTG) Philippines, the Philippine delegation, finishing fourth in the 18-nation contest, were given four silver medals, twenty-three bronze medals, trophies and certificates in the formal awards ceremonies held at the auditorium of the Durban City Hall on 9 July 2009;

WHEREAS, these various honors and achievements won by the Philippine delegation to IWYMIC only show that our youth can compete and win against the best students in the world, thus providing another source of inspiration to our Filipino youth;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED*, that the Philippine Senate commends the 13-member Philippine contingent for placing fourth in the 10<sup>th</sup> Invitational World Youth Mathematics Intercity Competition (IWYMIC) held in Durban, South Africa from July 5-10, 2009, bringing honor and pride to the Philippines and affirming the global competitiveness and potentials of the Filipino youth in the field of mathematics.

Adopted,

  
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Senator