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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

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**RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE MADRIGAL SINGERS FOR EARNING THE DISTINCTION AS THE NEWEST UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO) ARTISTS FOR PEACE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for their astonishing feat of bringing home pride and glory to the country by becoming champions in the international scene;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Madrigal Singers were honored as the newest Artists for Peace by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) by UNESCO Director-General Koichiro Matsuura on 27 July 2009 at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris, France;

**WHEREAS**, the Artists for Peace are internationally renowned personalities who use their influence, charisma, and prestige to help promote UNESCO's message and programs and the Philippine Madrigal Singers was chosen "in recognition of its efforts to promote dialogue and understanding among peoples in Southeast Asia, its contribution to extend UNESCO's message of peace and tolerance, and its dedication to the ideals and aims of the Organization";

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Madrigal Singers will serve as ambassadors for UNESCO in the next two years and will participate in a series of projects, including Concerts for Peace, a Sing for Peace festival, and choral singing classes, workshops, and other activities;

**WHEREAS**, aside from the Philippine Madrigal Singers, other UNESCO Artists for Peace include musician Manu Dibango of Cameroon, actress Patricia Velasquez of Venezuela, musician Gilberto Gil of Brazil, dancer Miyako Yoshida of Japan, soprano Sumi Jo of South Korea, singer and founder of the musical group Gypsy Kings Chico Bouchikhi of France, and conductor Valery Gergiev of Russia;

**WHEREAS**, this exceptional distinction earned by our Filipino singing group deserves to be commended for the honor and recognition it has brought to our country.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved to congratulate and commend the Philippine Madrigal Singers for earning the distinction as the newest

United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Artists for  
Peace.

*Adopted,*

  
**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
*Senator*