

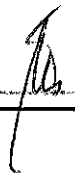
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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

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#### RESOLUTION

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING RHAP SALAZAR FOR WINNING FIVE GOLD MEDALS AND FOR BAGGING THE JUNIOR GRAND CHAMPION PERFORMER OF THE WORLD AND JUNIOR GRAND CHAMPION SOLO VOCALIST OF THE WORLD TITLES AT THE 13TH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF PERFORMING ARTS (WCOPA) HELD ON 11 - 19 JULY 2009 AT THE WESTIN BONAVENTURE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

**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 international competitions;

**WHEREAS**, 12-year old Filipino singer Rhap Salazar made the country proud when he won gold medals in five categories under the junior division namely: vocal Broadway, vocal gospel, vocal open, vocal pop, and vocal R&B/soul/jazz and took the coveted titles Junior Grand Champion Solo Vocalist of the World and the Junior Grand Champion Performer of the World at the recently concluded 13th World Championships of Performing Arts (WCOPA) held on 11 - 19 July 2009 at the Westin Bonaventure, Los Angeles, California, United States of America;

**WHEREAS**, the World Championships of Performing Arts is an annual international meet often cited as the official 'Talent Olympics' for aspiring performers and entertainers, and the only event of its kind held annually in Hollywood, the Entertainment Capital of the World, in which selected countries are represented by their respective excellent aspiring performers and entertainers and the competitions include dance, vocal, modeling, acting, instrumentalists, and variety arts;

**WHEREAS**, in Olympic-style competition, gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded plus \$50,000 in scholarships to the Conservatory for Film and Television in New York;

**WHEREAS**, the exemplary performance displayed by our Filipino talent has shown to the world that we are a country richly blessed with talented artists and musicians;

**WHEREAS**, by winning this international competition, Rhap Salazar has made our country proud and has shown to the world the spirit of Filipino competitiveness and excellence;

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

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,*** as it is hereby resolved to congratulate and commend Rhap Salazar for winning five gold medals and for bagging the Junior Grand Champion Performer of the World and Junior Grand Champion Solo Vocalist of the World Titles at the 13th World Championships of Performing Arts (WCOPA) held on 11 - 19 July 2009 at the Westin Bonaventure, Los Angeles, California, United States of America.

***Adopted,***

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