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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING CARMELA ANTOINETTE LAO OF SAINT JUDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR BEING THE FIRST FILIPINA MEDALIST, SECURING A BRONZE IN THE INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD IN BREMEN, GERMANY ON 10-22 JULY 2009 AND WINNING THE COUNTRY'S FIRST EVER GOLD MEDAL IN THE 8TH CHINA GIRLS' MATH OLYMPIAD IN XIAMEN, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON 11-16 AUGUST 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, junior high school student Carmela Antoinette Lao of Saint Jude Catholic School made history in the International Mathematical Olympiad in Bremen, Germany by winning a bronze medal and in the China Girls' Math Olympiad in Xiamen, People's Republic of China by winning a gold medal, becoming the first female Filipino contestant to win a medal in both events;

WHEREAS, the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) is an annual six-problem, 42-point mathematical olympiad for pre-collegiate students and is the oldest of the International Science Olympiads and this year's contest drew 565 contestants from 104 countries including math powerhouses China, United States, Japan and South Korea;

WHEREAS, the China Girls Math Olympiad is a math competition with a proof-based format similar to the International Math Olympiad which was originally organized in 2002 for teams of girls representing different regions within China but later included teams of girls from other countries;

WHEREAS, these distinctions earned by our Filipino math wizard show that with proper training, Filipino students can excel in the field of mathematics and can ably compete with their foreign counterparts;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend Carmela Antoinette Lao of Saint Jude Catholic School for being the first Filipina medalist, securing a bronze in the International Mathematical

Olympiad in Bremen, Germany on 10-22 July 2009 and winning the country's first ever gold medal in the 8th China Girls' Math Olympiad in Xiamen, People's Republic of China on 11-16 August 2009.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator