## FIFTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES Third Regular Session SENATE P.S. Res. No. 888

Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

## RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO STUDENTS OF THE CHAMPACA SECTION FROM THE PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL-QUEZON CITY MAIN CAMPUS FOR BAGGING THE HIGHEST AWARDS IN THE 22<sup>ND</sup> ASAHIKAWA CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL MAP CONTEST ON 28 OCTOBER 2012 AT THE HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY IN ASAHIKAWA, JAPAN.

**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, ten students from the Philippine Science High School-Quezon City Main Campus received the highest awards in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Asahikawa Children's Environmental Map Contest on 28 October 2012 at the Hokkaido University in Asahikawa, Japan for their maps "It Is Not All Your Fault" and "We Like-en (Lichen) Air";

WHEREAS, the Asahikawa Children's Environmental Map Contest is an annual map-making contest among primary and secondary students which aims to enhance their environmental awareness and outdoor observation:

WHEREAS, the Filipino students impressed the International Geographical Union Commission on Hazard and Risk (IGU-CHR) and the Society for Environmental Map Education (SEME) with their maps that responded to this year's theme "hazard prevention", which is a result of their findings on the Marikina fault line and the effect of air pollution on the environment inside the Philippine Science High School campus in Quezon City;

WHEREAS, "It Is Not All Your Fault" deals with the destructive effect on the buildings of the Philippine Science High School should the Marikina Valley Fault moves, while "We Like-en (Lichen) Air" is an experiment that measured the effects of air pollution to the plants inside the campus based on the colors of mosses on the bark of trees;

**WHEREAS,** the distinction garnered by our Filipino students show that with proper training, Filipino students can ably compete with their foreign counterparts;

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend Filipino students of the Champaca section from the Philippine Science High School-Quezon City Main Campus for bagging the highest awards in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Asahikawa Children's Environmental Map Contest on 28 October 2012 at the Hokkaido University in Asahikawa, Japan, namely:

- 1. Kelvin Bartilad
- 2. Ralph Benedict Bucao
- 3. Blanca Isabel Coronel
- 4. Adrielle Theresa Cusi
- 5. Karl Joseph Hufalar
- 6. Jimuel Lara
- 7. Raphael Carlos Malixi
- 8. Theresa Marie Rigor
- 9. Carisse Ma. Betino Tabora
- 10. Justine Kyle Mapalo.

Adopted,

MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID Senator