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RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING FIGURE-SKATER MICHAEL CHRISTIAN MARTINEZ, THE FIRST AND LONE PHILIPPINE REPRESENTATIVE, FOR HIS FEAT IN THE MEN'S FIGURE-SKATING FINALS AT THE 2014 SOCHI WINTER OLYMPICS IN RUSSIA

WHEREAS, Michael Christian Martinez made history when he became the first and the youngest Southeast Asian figure skater to compete at the Winter Olympics;

WHEREAS, Seventeen-year old Martinez, the Philippines' lone representative at the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics in Russia made an impressive Olympic debut when he qualified into the final round after a 64.81-point performance in the short program, followed by a score of 119.44 in the finale to accumulate a score of 184.25 in the men's figure skating finals;

WHEREAS, Martinez started his figure skating journey in 2005 at the age of eight (8) at an ice skating rink inside a mall;

WHEREAS, Martinez made his figure skating debut in the 2010-2011 season of the Junior Grand prix series. He likewise won a gold medal at the 2012 Crystal Skate of Romania, an annual senior-level international figure-skating competition;

WHEREAS, Martinez secured a Winter Olympics berth at the 2013 Nebelhorn Trophy, the last qualifying event for the Winter Games, last September where he landed at the 7th place in men's singles with a score of 189.46;

WHEREAS, for his remarkable achievements, Michael Christian Martinez serves as an inspiration to other Filipino athletes to compete globally;

WHEREAS, the Philippines being a tropical country proved not an insurmountable handicap to excel in the field of winter sports.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Philippine Senate, to commend and congratulate figure-skater Michael Christian Martinez, the first and lone Philippine representative, for his feat in the Men's Figure Skating Finals at the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics in Russia.

Adopted,


GREGORIO B. HONASAN II

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