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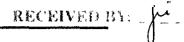
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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

TO EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS AND COMMENDATION TO MICHAEL CHRISTIAN MARTINEZ FOR BEING THE FIRST FIGURE SKATER FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA TO COMPETE IN THE WINTER OLYMPICS AND FOR HIS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN THE MEN'S FREE SKATING COMPETITION AT THE ICEBERG SKATING PALACE DURING THE 22ND OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES IN SOCHI, RUSSIA ON 14 FEBRUARY 2014

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has, on several occasions, paid tribute to talented Filipinos for their outstanding feats that have brought home pride and glory to the country;

WHEREAS, Filipino figure skater Michael Christian Martinez made the country proud when he qualified for the finals of the men's free skating competition finals of the Winter Olympics held at the Iceberg Skating Palace in Sochi, Russia on 14 February 2014;

WHEREAS, Michael Christian Martinez's 19th place finish in a 30-man competition is a phenomenal and remarkable feat at a young age of 17 and being the only Southeast Asian to have qualified to the men's free skating event;

WHEREAS, armed with his Olympic dream and a distinct determination to bring it to reality, the Filipino skater earned the admiration of the millions of spectators from all over the world with his interesting background coming from a tropical country which never saw winter ice but emerged one of the contenders of the most coveted events of the Winter Olympics:

WHEREAS, the feat of Michael Christian Martinez further underlines the Filipino spirit of resilience and our renowned determination to achieve our goals despite going against the odds; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to extend congratulations and commendation to Michael Christian Martinez for being the first figure skater from Southeast Asia to compete in the Winter Olympics and for his outstanding performance in the men's free skating competition at the Iceberg Skating Palace during the 22nd Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia on 14 February 2014

Adopted,

MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID