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RESOLUTION

COMMENDING FILIPINO FIGURE SKATER MR. MICHAEL CHRISTIAN MARTINEZ FOR HIS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AT THE 2014 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES IN SOCHI, RUSSIA

*Whereas*, the XXII Olympic Winter Games was held in Sochi, Russia from February 7 to 23, 2014 where a total of ninety eight (98) events in fifteen (15) winter sport disciplines were conducted;

*Whereas*, the 2014 Winter Olympics and the Winter Paralympics were both organized by the Sochi Organizing Committee (SOC). Sochi was chosen as the host city in July 2007, during the 119<sup>th</sup> IOC Session held in Guatemala City. It should be noted that this is the first Olympics in Russia since the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991;

*Whereas*, the Philippines was represented by Mr. Michael Christian Martinez, a 17-year old Filipino skater born in Paranaque City;

*Whereas*, his passion for the sports started in 2005 when he took up figure skating lessons at the age of eight (8) and eventually began training at the United States in 2010;

*Whereas*, Mr. Martinez has participated in various competitions such as the Four Continents Championships held in Osaka, Japan and Taipei; Youth Olympic Games held in Innsbruck, Austria; and World Junior Championships held in Milan, Italy;

*Whereas*, Mr. Martinez is the flag-bearer and the sole athlete of the Philippines in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games;

*Whereas*, he is the first representative of the Philippines and the first Southeast Asian to participate in figure skating in the Olympic Winter Games;

*Whereas*, the youngest competitor in the male figure skating event, Mr. Martinez delivered a laudable and admiring performance, finishing 19<sup>th</sup> place in the Men's Free Skating competition with a final score of 184.25 points;

**Whereas**, his philosophy to “dream high and work hard” brought him to the triumph that a young and unyielding Olympian should be proud of for his debut performance;

**Whereas**, despite the limited financial and training support extended to him by the Philippine government, he still proudly represented our country and became more determined to excel in his sport;

**Whereas**, this lad serves as an inspiration for our youth to hone their innate talent for worthwhile endeavours and to pursue their dreams despite different odds;

**Whereas**, Mr. Martinez made a distinct mark for the Philippines, a tropical country, in the field of figure skating, thus bringing pride and honor to our nation;

**Whereas**, his success should also prompt the Philippine authorities to study and evaluate the sports and athletes who have great potentials in bringing medals for the country but are in need of more support;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Senate**, to commend Filipino figure skater Mr. Michael Christian Martinez for his outstanding performance at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia

*Adopted,*

  
**JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA**  
Senator