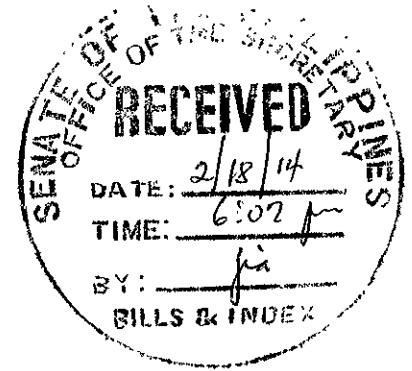


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**RESOLUTION COMMENDING MICHAEL CHRISTIAN MARTINEZ FOR HIS  
INSPIRING PERFORMANCE IN THE 2014 SOCHI WINTER OLYMPICS AND  
SHOWING ONCE AGAIN THE INDOMITABLE SPIRIT OF THE FILIPINO**

**WHEREAS**, Michael Christian Martinez made Olympic history as the first Filipino and Southeast Asian to qualify in the Winter Olympics men's figure skating event;

**WHEREAS**, the 17-year-old Michael Christian Martinez is the lone delegate of the Philippines and the youngest competitor in the male figure skating event in Sochi, Russia this February 2014;

**WHEREAS**, his road to the Olympics was a rough one – being from a country without snow who discovered his interest in ice skating at a shopping mall skating rink, lacking sponsorships and grants for formal training in addition to having to deal with asthma, Martinez only began his formal training in the United States in 2010;

**WHEREAS**, the challenges he encountered brought about by the lack of government support on his bid to the Olympics, and to Philippine sports in general, did not deter him from pursuing his dream of participating and making a mark in the said competition; wane

**WHEREAS**, Martinez finished at 19th place, with a final score of 184.25 points, at the men's Figure Skating event at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia despite being ranked No. 30 in the world;

**WHEREAS**, Martinez's personal story made him one of the darlings of the Olympics with Olympic commentators repeatedly referring to the great odds facing a boy from a tropical country making it that far without the usual support his competitors are receiving;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, by the Senate of the Philippines, to commend Michael Christian Martinez for his inspiring performance and in once again showing the indomitable spirit of the Filipino to overcome all odds and excel at the world stage.

Adopted.

  
SENATOR SONNY ANGARA