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RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MICHAEL CHRISTIAN MARTINEZ FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE MEN'S CATEGORY OF THE 2015 ASIAN OPEN FIGURE SKATING TROPHY HELD IN BANGKOK, THAILAND ON THE 6TH OF AUGUST 2015

WHEREAS, The Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy is the prime Asian skating tournament held annually and sanctioned by the Asian Skating Union (ASU) of the International Skating Union (ISU) as officially recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the International Sports Federation for skating;

WHEREAS, the 2015 Asian Open Figure Skating held in Bangkok, Thailand featured acclaimed figure skaters from all over Asia composed including distinguished competitors from well-known Asian powerhouses in skating such as South Korea, China, and Japan competing in the Men's, Women's, and Novice categories of the tournament;

WHEREAS, Michael Christian Martinez garnered a total of 188.53 points in the Men's category, registering 72.14 points in the short program and 116.39 in the free skating program, trouncing Japanese skater and 2011 World Junior Figure Skating Championships silver medalist Keiji Tanaka and Hiroaki Sato, a 15th placer in the 2015 edition of the same World Championships;

WHEREAS, Martinez became the first ever Filipino and Southeast Asian to qualify for the Winter Olympics figure skating competition held in Sochi, Russia last 2014, capping the same year with a victorious run in the Triglav Trophy in Slovenia, and repeating the same successful feat in 2015;

WHEREAS, Martinez stands as a symbol of hope for the Filipino youth and as he proves to the world that despite the obstacles he had encountered including the lack of funding, lack of proper training ground, and the tropical nature of our country, Filipinos can still shine and stand out on ice. He is a living proof that aside from talent and skill, a Filipino's perseverance, determination and hard-work are crucial for one's excellence;

WHEREAS, Martinez has served as an inspiration for future generations of figure skaters in the country and has once again united the Filipino people in celebration of his victories. Further, put the Philippines on the map for figure ice-skating elevating the stature of our country in the international arena;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines, commend Michael Christian Martinez for winning the gold medal in the Men's Category of the 2015 Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy last August 6, 2015 along with his countless achievements brought by his outstanding performances that continue to bring forth true pride and honor to the Philippines and his fellow countrymen.

Adopted,



SENATOR SONNY ANGARA