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## Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

## RESOLUTION

## CONGRATULATING MR. WESLEY SO FOR ATTAINING THE TOP SPOT IN THE 2019 INAUGURAL WORLD FISCHER RANDOM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP HELD AT THE HENIE ONSTAD ART CENTER IN NORWAY

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate has always recognized and commended exemplary Filipinos and their contribution in showcasing our nations skill and talent in various disciplines of Sports and in any Filipino or Filipina bringing honor and pride to the country by competing and winning in international competitions around the world;

6 **WHEREAS**, during the 2019 Inaugural World Fischer Random Chess 7 Championship held at the Henie Onstad Art Center, Norway, from October 27 to 8 November 2, 2019, Filipino Chess Grandmaster Wesley So defeated multiple high-ranking 9 Chess Grandmasters for the top spot in the FIDE-Sanctioned Competition;

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11 **WHEREAS**, Wesley So bested current World Champion and Top Ranking 12 Grandmaster Magnus Carlsen of Norway, winning the trophy and bagging the top spot 13 for our nation, bringing honor to our country and our people through his display of raw 14 talent and precision at the competition;

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WHEREAS, So, who hails from Bacoor, Cavite, was a chess prodigy when he became the youngest player to pass a 2600 Elo rating in October 2008, breaking the record set by the same Magnus Carlsen he recently defeated in Norway;

- 5 **WHEREAS**, truly a triumph worth celebrating for the Philippines, doing our 6 country proud, and the whole chess community of our nation as a whole, serving as an 7 inspiration for our young chess enthusiasts, giving us all hope for upcoming competitions 8 held internationally and locally;
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10 **WHEREAS**, this significant win by So is a true testament to the great potential of 11 Filipinos, not only in chess but in various disciplines and forms of sports around the world, 12 this should serve as a wake-up call for our government to provide more support to our 13 athletes who represent our great nation across the world, bringing honor to our nation 14 through their God-given talents;

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WHEREAS, the Senate salutes the raw skill and pure talent Wesley So displayed throughout the competition, this achievement has not only made our country proud but it has proven to the world that we are capable of greatness in any league we set our minds to, this victory and the victories that came before it has shown our capability for excellence in the world of chess;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate Chess Grandmaster Wesley So for attaining the top spot and bagging the trophy at the Inaugural World Fischer Random Chess Championship 2019 held last October 27 to November 2, 2019 at the Henie Onstad Art Center, Norway.

Adopted,

RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.