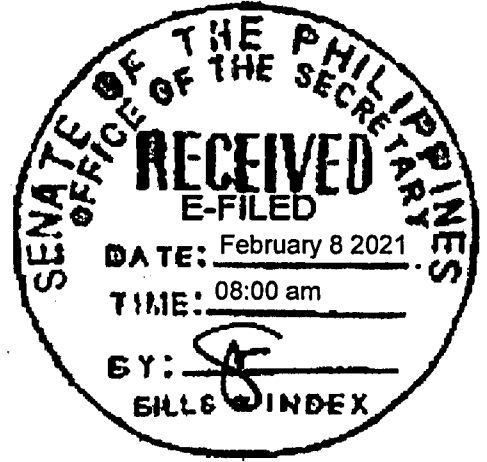


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**Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.**

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**RESOLUTION**

**COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING FILIPINO KARATEKA ORENCIO  
JAMES DELOS SANTOS FOR RANKING FIRST PLACE IN THE E-KATA  
INDIVIDUAL MALE SENIORS 2020 WORLD RANKINGS**

1           WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate, has on numerous occasions, recognized and  
2 paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for their remarkable talent and achievements and  
3 for bringing pride and honor to the country by winning in international sporting  
4 competitions;

5           WHEREAS, Orencio James delos Santos, 30-year old karateka from Cebu,  
6 secured his place as the world's number one male athlete in online Kata in October  
7 2020 after he successfully overtook Portuguese rival Eduardo Garcia, accumulated  
8 8,950 points from various competitions in a span of seven (7) months;

9           WHEREAS, Kata, a Japanese word meaning "form," is one of the pillars of  
10 karate which involves the perfect execution of correct postures, highly detailed  
11 patterns, and martial arts movements and sequences;

12           WHEREAS, in the Katana InterContinental Karate League e-Tournament in  
13 October 2020, delos Santos delivered a record-setting performance to become the  
14 first e-Kata athlete to ever score over 26 points, the highest since online competitions  
15 were held in March 2020;

16           WHEREAS, since he participated in the virtual international championships in  
17 April 2020, he had collected a total of 36 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze medals for the  
18 Philippines, and won six Grand Winner titles from six e-Tournament Leagues;

1           WHEREAS, his determination and perseverance to excel in his sport motivated  
2 him to continue training despite the limitations posed by the Covid-19 pandemic and  
3 to participate in online tournaments almost on a weekly basis;

4           WHEREAS, on January 29, 2021, he won his first gold medal of the year via the  
5 2021 SportData e-Tournament World Series #1 where he scored 25.3 points to prevail  
6 over Silvio Cerone-Biagioni of South Africa (24.5);

7           WHEREAS, delos Santos is also a two-time bronze medallist in the 2011 and  
8 2017 Southeast Asian (SEA) Games, a two-time world champion of the International  
9 Shotokan Karate Federation, and a six-time Philippine National Games Champion;

10           WHEREAS, he serves as mentor and shares his knowledge to young karateka  
11 through the Maharlika Karatedo Kai of the Philippines International (MKKPI), whose  
12 students are also making their mark in the international arena;

13           WHEREAS, his impressive rise to the top of the global standings in such a short  
14 time and his consecutive accomplishments have brought honor and pride to the  
15 country;

16           WHEREAS, his pursuit of sports excellence in a novel platform during the New  
17 Normal serves as inspiration for the younger athletes to still actively engage in sports  
18 and competitive games to develop self-discipline, teamwork, good health and overall  
19 wellbeing;

20           NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to  
21 commend and congratulate Filipino karateka Orencio James delos Santos for ranking  
22 first place in the E-Kata Individual Male Seniors 2020 World Rankings.

*Adopted,*

  
**RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.**