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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ARENA GRANDMASTER**  
**DANDEL FERNANDEZ FOR BEING THE FIRST RUNNER UP OF THE**  
**28<sup>TH</sup> ABU DHABI INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL FRONTLINE**  
**HEROES HELD IN ABU DHABI, THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, ON**  
**AUGUST 22, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, Art. XIV, Section 19 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that "the State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry;"

**WHEREAS**, it is in furtherance of this policy that we recognize significant achievements in the field of sports to encourage and incentivize excellence among our athletes;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate has, on numerous occasions, recognized and given commendation to outstanding Filipino athletes for bringing pride and honor to the country by winning in international sports events;

**WHEREAS**, Dandel Fernandez, a former Maynilad top chess player, is a frontliner at the Saudi German Hospital in the United Arab Emirates;

**WHEREAS**, Fernandez, under the guidance of sportsman Sonsea Agonoy, secured the first runner up trophy in the 28<sup>th</sup> Abu Dhabi International Chess Festival – Frontline Heroes on August 22, 2022;

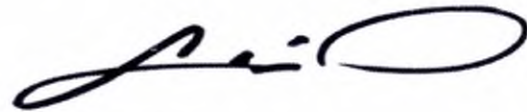
**WHEREAS**, Fernandez scored 6.0 points on five wins and one loss, while the Champion UAE'S Fide Master Ammar Sedrani scored 6.5 points;

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**WHEREAS**, the exemplary performance of Arena Grandmaster Dandel Fernandez has brought pride, glory, and inspiration to the Filipino people, has proved that Filipinos are world-class athletes, and has shown to the world the unrelenting spirit of Filipino sports excellence, for which he deserves to be recognized, honored, and commended;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, that Senate of the Philippines expresses its congratulations and commendations to Arena Grandmaster Dandel Fernandez for being the first runner up of the 28<sup>th</sup> Abu Dhabi International Chess Festival – Frontline Heroes held in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates on August 22, 2022.

*Adopted,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lito', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
SENATOR