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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

## RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENT GWEN LIANNA VALIMENTO FOR HER WIN AT THE 2022 INTERNATIONAL CLEAN TECH COMPETITION

**WHEREAS,** the Constitution, Art. II, Section 17 provides that "[t]he State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development;"

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 International Clean Tech Competition is an annual event running on its 10<sup>th</sup> year, a special project organized by the Center for Science Teaching and Learning NY, a non-profit international science and education organization that promotes scientific learning and literacy;

**WHEREAS**, each year, the competition accepts students from all over the world, eager to make their mark as the next generation of scientists and contribute to a better future through clean technology innovations;

**WHEREAS**, this year, the tilt had over 426 students from 240 teams from every corner of the world participating, all excited to show their unique and ingenious entrees for a greener future;

**WHEREAS**, out of the hundreds of students who participated from all over the world, only 3 students took the top spots, among them was Filipina student Gwen Lianna Valimento, from the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, Valimento, a Quezon City native, is a student of the Philippine Science High School and a proud member of Team Save The Penguins where she strongly advocates for a better, greener and cleaner future, not only for our country, but for the entire world;

**WHEREAS**, the young Ms. Valimento, represented Team Save The Penguins in the competition and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall for her project using biomimicry to develop a Gentoo penguin flipper-inspired hydra Kaplan turbine blade that increases the

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efficiency of hydroelectric power generators, simultaneously collecting energy at a higher rate than our average turbine blades that are commonly utilized today;

**WHEREAS**, her intellectual prowess has brought pride and honor to the Philippine scientific community and to our country and deserves the highest praise and commendation as her achievement was not only a contribution to a better planet but also to a better generation because she also serves an inspiration to young Filipinos to pursue excellence in the field of science and technology;

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE**, as it is hereby resolved, to congratulate and commend Philippine Science High School student Gwen Lianna Valimento for her win at the 2022 International Clean Tech Competition.

Adopted,

LITO" M. LAPID Senator