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Introduced by **Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid**

RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE GENERAL SANTOS CITY JAIL
MALE DORMITORY TEAM FOR COMPETING AND WINNING IN THE 2ND
INTERCONTINENTAL ONLINE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR PRISONERS

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has, on several occasions, given recognition and commendation to outstanding Filipinos for their astonishing feats in bringing honor, pride and glory to the country by garnering prestigious awards;

WHEREAS, four (4) Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) from the General Santos City Jail – Male Dormitory comprised the Philippine Team in the said tournament and were named champions of the Male Category in the 2nd Intercontinental Online Chess Championship for Prisoners;

WHEREAS, the Intercontinental Online Chess Championship for Prisoners is a program organized by the Fédération Internationale des Échecs (FIDE) also known as the International Chess Federation as part of its #ChessForFreedom program;

WHEREAS, the program aims to introduce the sport of Chess as a tool for education, sportsmanship and social inclusion for prisoners in different correctional facilities from all over the world;

WHEREAS, this year FIDE partnered up with the Cook County Department of Corrections in observance of the International Day of Education in Prisons and was live-streamed on Chess TV and on the FIDE YouTube channel, the event was held from October 13 to 14;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Team outplayed 85 teams from 46 countries in the event. They battled it out against Team Colombia in the end, where they came out on top with 2.5-1.5 in game 1 and 3.5-0.5 in game 2;

WHEREAS, the Team was coached by Jail Officer 1 (JO1) Cedrix Cabangal who worked in partnership with some of the Philippines' strongest chess masters, including Winston Joseph R. Silva and Srihaan Poddar who helped the team hone their skills leading up to the event;


WHEREAS, by winning this prestigious award, the Team exhibited that in spite of their incarceration, our PDLs still bring honor and glory to, and become a force of good for, our country;

WHEREAS, recognizing the milestone of the General Santos City Male Dormitory Team is in accord with the 1987 Constitution's acknowledgement of the importance of sports in fostering patriotism and nationalism, and in promoting total human liberation and development;

WHEREAS, the outstanding performance of Team Philippines in the 2nd Intercontinental Online Chess Championship deserves praise and commendation for bringing pride and honor to the country and for serving as an example for reform and rehabilitation while serving time in jail;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend the General Santos City Male Dormitory Team for their exemplary performance that won them the championship at the 2nd Intercontinental Online Chess Championship.

Adopted,


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