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RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING JOSE EFREN BAGAMASBAD FOR ATTAINING INTERNATIONAL MASTER TITLE AND WINNING GOLD IN THE 2022 ASIAN SENIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

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

WHEREAS, the Asian Senior Chess Championship is an annual international tournament organized by the Asian Chess Federation first held in 2010 with two categories of participants: 50 years old and above, and 65 years old and above;

WHEREAS, Jose Efren Bagamasbad, a 66-year old Filipino chess player from Laguna bagged the title in the 2022 Asian Senior Chess Championship in the 65-year-old and above category in Auckland, New Zealand, joining Grandmaster Eugene Torre in the roster who won the same title in 2017 and 2018;

WHEREAS, Jose competed in the tourney from October 14-22, 2022 and finished with an outstanding performance of 7.5/9 from 6 wins, 3 draws, 0 loss, to earn the gold medal, and International Master title;

WHEREAS, Jose is a Senior player in the Professional Chess Association of the Philippines championship team of Laguna Heroes;

WHEREAS, Jose would have wanted to join the competitions back in 2021, but he could not due to the pandemic. Despite the setback, he continued training himself so he can be at his best when the opportunity comes;

WHEREAS, Jose's mastery of chess moves despite old age proves that excelling in sports, often dominated by the youth, is possible for all; thus inspiring fellow senior citizens to stay productive in their chosen fields;

WHEREAS, his determination has inspired all Filipino athletes who aspire to follow in his lead, and bring great pride and honor to our country;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to commend and congratulate Jose Efren Bagamasbad for attaining International Master Title and winning gold in the 2022 Asian Senior Chess Championship held in Auckland, New Zealand.

Adopted,

RAMON BONG REVILLA JR.