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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ALL THE FILIPINO CHORAL GROUPS AND COMPOSERS WHO PARTICIPATED AND GARNERED TOP HONORS AT THE 2022 BUSAN CHORAL FESTIVAL AND COMPETITION

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has, on numerous 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, in the 2022 Busan Choral Festival and Competition, held in South Korea, the Philippines' choral ensembles Villanueva Chorale of Misamis Oriental, Sing Philippines Youth Choir (SPYC) Tour Group, Imusicapella of Cavite, Balanga Choral Artists, and Bataan Peninsula State University Chorale took home the top prizes;

WHEREAS, The Villanueva Chorale of Misamis Oriental was praised as the winner of the Pop and Acapella category for their exemplary performances of the songs "When You Believe," "I Believe," and "It's Raining Men." In the said tilt, the group placed second in the competition's Grand Prix final and took home the Gold Prize for the Folk/Ethnic Category;

WHEREAS, the Sing Philippines Youth Choir (SPYC) Tour Group was the runner-up in the Mixed and Equal Category, they also obtained gold diplomas from the Classical Mixed and Equal, and the Ethnic category of the competition;

WHEREAS, The church choir Imusicapella from the Our Lady of the Pillar Parish in Imus, Cavite, came in third place and was awarded a gold diploma in the Classical Mixed and Equal Category;

WHEREAS, the Balanga Choral Artists and the Bataan Peninsula State University Chorale earned honors in the ethnic and classical categories for their powerful performances;

WHEREAS, two Filipino composers were also named champions in the composition category of the Festival, Ily Matthew Maniano and Ian Gabriel Corpuz, Maniano, a former member of the Philippine Madrigal Singers came in first place for his piece entitled "Amihan", and Corpuz placing third for his piece "Penitensya";

WHEREAS, the outstanding achievements of the Philippine delegation in Busan deserve the highest praise and commendation for garnering praise and honor for our country, further building on our glorious legacy of excellence in choral music;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend the Philippine delegation for obtaining top honors at the 2022 Busan Choral Festival and Competition, held in Busan, Korea.

Adopted,

MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID Senator