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RESOLUTION
CONFERRING, BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE PLENARY, THE PHILIPPINE
SENATE MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE TO GRANDMASTER EUGENIO "EUGENE"
TORRE FOR BEING THE FIRST EVER ASIAN AND FILIPINO TO BE
INDUCTED INTO THE WORLD CHESS HALL OF FAME

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, pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 110 of the 18th Congress, the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence was established to recognize, honor, and commend outstanding Filipinos from different fields of expertise, for their exemplary service, exceptional achievements, and invaluable contributions to nation-building;

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2022, Asia's first-ever Chess Grandmaster Eugenio "Eugene" Torre was officially inducted into the World Chess Hall of Fame, the ceremony was held at the St. Louis Aquarium, at Union Station, Missouri, USA;

WHEREAS, Torre is not just the first Filipino but also the first Asian to qualify for the highly coveted title of Grandmaster, and he is now also the first Asian to be inducted into the highly coveted World Chess Hall of Fame;

WHEREAS, Torre is a living Chess icon, the 70-year-old grandmaster has been consistently dominating and representing our country in the world of Chess for over 50 years, he is truly an inspiration to our fellow Filipinos not only in the world of Chess but also across all disciplines of Philippine sports;

WHEREAS, Torre became the first Asian grandmaster back in 1974, after earning a silver medal in the 21st Chess Olympiad in Nice, France and he is also the first one to defeat chess legend and fellow grandmaster Anatoly Karpov in 1976;


WHEREAS, Torre has remained consistent throughout his outstanding career that spans over half a century, his brilliance now recognized through immortalization in the highly coveted World Chess Hall of Fame;

WHEREAS, Torre bagged medals all over the world, he won 4 gold medals in the Asian Team Chess Championships in 1977, 1979, 1981, 1983, and a bronze medal in Dubai in 1986, he also conquered and garnered medals in the Asian Cities Chess Championship in 2002 and 2004 and back in 2010 he also brought home a silver medal from the 2010 Asian Games held in China and copped another bronze in the 2016 Chess Olympiad, with his consistency he has kept us on the map in the world of Chess and he was, is, and always will be an inspiration to his fellow athletes;

WHEREAS, GM Eugene Torre's dedication and passion to his sport is truly something to admire, recognize and commend, a true professional who exhibits sportsmanship at the highest level on the world stage, proudly representing our nation and bringing honor to our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for the Senate of the Philippines to confer the Philippine Senate Medal of Excellence to Grandmaster Eugenio "Eugene" Torre for being the first ever Asian and Filipino to be inducted into the World Chess Hall of Fame.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator