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## Introduced by Senator JOEL VILLANUEVA

### RESOLUTION

# CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINE ESPORTS TEAM, ECHO ESPORTS, FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE AT THE MOBILE LEGENDS: BANG BANG M4 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

**WHEREAS**, the Mobile Legends: Bang Bang (MLBB) World Championship is an annual international esports event for the game Mobile Legends: Bang Bang;

**WHEREAS,** the said tournament, also dubbed as the MLBB M4 World Championship, was held in Jakarta, Indonesia from January 1 – January 15, 2023;<sup>1</sup>

WHEREAS, Filipino esports team, "ECHO", obtained the Mobile Legends: Bang Bang "MLBB" most-coveted crown after dethroning fellow Filipino esports team Blacklist International with a 4-0 sweep in the best-of-seven grand finals;<sup>2</sup>

WHEREAS, the Echo's roster comprised of Sanford "Sanford" Vinuya, first ever two-time world champion Karl "KarlTzy" Nepomuceno, Jankurt "KurtTzy" Matira, Alston "Sanji" Pabico, finals MVP Benedict "Bennyqt" Gonzales, Tristan "YAWI" Cabrera, and Jaypee "Jaypee" Dela Cruz, with coaches Archie "Tictac" Reyes and Robert "Trebor" Sanchez;<sup>3</sup>

WHEREAS, ECHO became the third Filipino team to claim the world championship title in consecutive years, joining Blacklist International who won in the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> January 15, 2023. M4 World Championship: Schedule, results, format, teams, where to watch. Available at https://www.oneesports.gg/mobile-legends/m4-world-championship-schedule/ (date last accessed: January 16, 2023). <sup>2</sup> January 15, 2023. ECHO sweep Blacklist International 4-0 to be crowned Mobile Legends M4 world champions Available at <u>https://sg.news.yahoo.com/echo-sweep-blacklist-international-4-0-to-be-crowned-mobile-legends-m4-world-champions-</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;u>130524126.html</u> (Date last accessed: January 16, 2023)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> January 15, 2023. Kahit baguhan sa world stage, hindi kabadong makipagsabayan sina Sanford at Sanji ng ECHO sa M4. Available at https://www.oneesports.ph/mobile-legends/sanford-sanji-echo-m4/ (date last accessed: January 16, 2023).

2022 M3 World Championship, and Bren Esports, who won in the 2021 M2 World Championship;<sup>4</sup>

WHEREAS, Philippine esports teams show undeniable and unstoppable potential, with many Filipino esports athletes and teams dominating tournaments, such as the all-Filipino Dota 2 Finals by teams Polaris and Execration at the Asia Pacific Predator League 2022 Grand Finals,<sup>5</sup> as well as the stellar performance of Philippine esports team SIBOL during the 31<sup>st</sup> Southeast Asian Games in Hanoi Vietnam, wherein they brought home two (2) gold medals and two (2) silver medals, among others;<sup>6</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the collective performance of the Esports team, ECHO, proves that the country produces world-class Esports gaming professionals;

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE,** as it is hereby resolved, to commend and congratulate Echo Esports, for their exceptional performance at the M4 World Championship.

Adopted,

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 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> January 15, 2023. Full list of MLBB World Championship winners throughout the years. Available at https://www.oneesports.gg/mobile-legends/mlbb-world-championship-winners/ (date last accessed: January 16, 2023).
<sup>5</sup> November 15, 2022. Polaris Esports defeats Execration in All-Filipino Dota 2 Grand Finals in Asia Pacific Predator League 2022. Available at https://mb.com.ph/2022/11/15/polaris-esports-defeats-execration-in-all-filipino-dota-2-grand-finals-in-asia-pacific-predator-league-2022/ (date last accessed: January 16, 2023).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> May 21, 2022. SIBOL League of Legends, CrossFire Collect Silver Medals in 31<sup>st</sup> SEA Games, PUBGM Fall Short of Podium. *Available at* https://esports.inquirer.net/29760/sibol\_league\_of\_legends\_crossfire\_collect\_silver\_medals\_in\_31st\_sea\_games (date last accessed: January 16, 2023).