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Introduced by Senator JOEL VILLANUEVA

RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE PARA
CHES TEAM FOR WINNING THE BRONZE MEDAL IN THE 1ST FIDE
CHES OLYMPIAD FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES HELD IN
SERBIA

WHEREAS, on 04 February 2023, the Philippine Para Chess Team made history for winning the bronze medal in the 1st FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities held in Belgrade, Serbia;¹

WHEREAS, the Philippine Team is among 26 teams from 33 countries that competed in the event;²

WHEREAS, the Philippine Team is composed of National Master (NM) Darry Bernardo, FIDE Master Sander Severino, NM Henry Roger Lopez, playing coach NM James Infiesto, and Cheyzer Crystal Mendoza;³

WHEREAS, National Master Darry Bernardo won an individual gold medal after prevailing over Naveen Kumar of India, and forced the 2-2 draw that enabled the Philippine Team to bag the bronze medal behind Poland and the International Physically Disabled Chess Association (IPCA);⁴

¹ Rappler. PH clinches bronze in PWD Chess Olympiad; Bernardo cops gold. 05 February 2023. Available at <https://www.rappler.com/sports/results-fide-chess-olympiad-people-with-disabilities-philippines-february-2023/>.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

WHEREAS, the Philippine Team clinched the bronze medal after emerging with the highest tiebreak score over India, Serbia 1, and Uzbekistan;⁵

WHEREAS, FIDE Master Sander Severino won an individual silver medal after finishing with 4.5 points on three wins and three draws;⁶

WHEREAS, the Philippine Team defeated Uzbekistan, 3.5-0.5; the Czech Republic, 2.5-1.5; and Serbia 2, 3.5-0.5; lost to Poland, 1.5-2.5; and drew with Israel, 2-2 on its way to a podium finish in the competition;⁷

WHEREAS, the Philippine Para Chess Team's victory in the 1st FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities is an addition to its many achievements in the ASEAN Para Games, Asian Para Games, and the online world championship for the physically disabled;⁸

WHEREAS, the Philippine Para Chess Team showcased world-class Filipino talent, made history for winning in the very first staging of the event, and once again brought great pride and honor to the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to congratulate and commend the Philippine Para Chess Team for winning the bronze medal in the 1st FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities held in Serbia.

Adopted,


JOEL VILLANUEVA

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Business World. Philippine chess team grabs bronze in FIDE Olympiad for disabled people. 05 February 2023. Available at <https://www.bworldonline.com/sports/2023/02/05/502994/philippine-chess-team-grabs-bronze-in-fide-olympiad-for-disabled-people/>.