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## Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

## **RESOLUTION**

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE TEAM AFTER WINNING A BRONZE MEDAL IN THE FIRST FIDE CHESS OLYMPIAD FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES HELD FROM JANUARY 29 TO FEBRUARY 5, 2023 IN BELGRADE, SERBIA

**WHEREAS,** the Senate has given, on several occasions, recognition and commendation to outstanding Filipinos for their contribution in showcasing our nation's promising potential in the various fields and disciplines of Sports and in bringing pride and honor to the country by winning in international competitions;

**WHEREAS,** the first-ever FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities represents a historic event for FIDE and the chess world. It was held from January 29 to February 5, 2023. Thirty-three countries and three international squads have registered and took part in this tournament. This inaugurates the biggest chess event dedicated to people with disabilities;

**WHEREAS,** the Philippine team, led by National Master Darry Bernardo, is composed of the following players:

- 1. Sander Severino
- 2. Henry Lopez
- 3. James Infiesto
- 4. Cheyzer Mendoza;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Team, with Bernardo winning the gold medal over Kumar Naveen after a marathon 79 moves of their Caro-Kann duel on board 4, scored eight points during the chess tournament. This allowed the Philippine Team to finish the tournament in a tie for third place with India, Serbia, and Uzbekistan;

**WHEREAS,** after the tiebreaker, the Philippine Team successfully bagged the bronze medal;

**WHEREAS**, this is a victory for every Filipino, given that the Philippine Team managed to finish over chess powerhouses India, Serbia, and Uzbekistan;

**WHEREAS,** the outstanding performance of the Philippine Team deserves the highest praise, recognition and commendation for bringing pride and inspiration to the Filipino people and for showing to the world the unrelenting spirit of Filipino sports excellence;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, for the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend the Philippine Team after winning a bronze medal in the First FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities held in Belgrade Serbia.

Adopted,

MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator