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SENATE P.S. Resolution No. <u>624</u>

Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING BIANCA BUSTAMANTE FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AS THE FIRST FILIPINO TO WIN THE FORMULA ONE (F1) ACADEMY

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 17 of the 1987 Constitution states that, "The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development";

WHEREAS, the Formula One (F1) Academy is an all-female racing championship aimed at developing the newest generation of female racing talent and grooming them to succeed in the steps along the Formula 1 ladder;

WHEREAS, Bianca Bustamante, an eighteen year old Filipina dominated the F1 Academy race in Valencia, Spain from pole to flag, thereby bringing extraordinary victory and great pride to the Philippines and the world of automobile racing;

WHEREAS, Bustamante finished first at eighteen (18) minutes and 49.969 seconds after fending off ART Grand Prix's Lena Bühler, who trailed Bustamante by a narrow 0.741 seconds in the 11-lap race;

WHEREAS, it was an emotional moment for Bustamante as the Philippine national anthem, *Lupang Hinirang*, was played for the very first time in an F1 Academy race;

WHEREAS, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., congratulated Bustamante's milestone win in an online post stating, "We are filled with pride upon hearing the Philippine national anthem played on the F1 stage for the very first time! Congratulations to Ms. Bianca Bustamante on her historic win at the Valencia leg!";

WHEREAS, Bustamante is a member of the Bustamante lineage of Don Francisco Bustamante and Martina Boricano of Burgos, Pangasinan;

WHEREAS, the Bustamante lineage has a rich history in public service, as their distinguished ancestors held various positions in the government;

WHEREAS, Bustamante's victory in the F1 Academy race in Spain has put the Philippines on the world map of automobile racing, garnering international recognition and solidifying the nation's presence in the highly competitive motorsports industry;

WHEREAS, Bustamante grew a fan base from Southeast Asia as she represents the women in a male-dominated sport in the region;

WHEREAS, such achievement has brought honor to the country which truly is an inspiration to the Filipino youth and, most especially, to the Filipino women worldwide;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, congratulating and commending Bianca Bustamante for her exceptional achievement as the first Filipino to win the Formula One (F1) Academy.

Adopted,

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