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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING NIKA JURIS NICOLAS FOR BEING**  
**THE FIRST FEMALE CHESS PLAYER TO BE AWARDED THE TITLE OF**  
**NATIONAL MASTER BY THE NATIONAL CHESS FEDERATION OF THE**  
**PHILIPPINES (NCFP) LAST JUNE 9, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, the Senate has, on several occasions, given 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**, on June 9, 2023, the 10-year-old Nika Juris Nicolas from Pasig City has been awarded the title of National Master by the National Chess Federation of the Philippines (NCFP);

**WHEREAS**, such title has been historically conferred upon male players, until recently, Nicolas broke the gender barrier and emerged victorious in the under-11 boys division, making her achievement all the more remarkable;

**WHEREAS**, Nicolas was given the said title, rather than being awarded the Woman National Master title, which is reserved for female chess players that is said to be less prestigious than those titles given to male;

**WHEREAS,** in the NCFP Eliminations held in Himamaylan City, Negros Occidental from March 24 to 27, 2023, Nicolas participated as the only female contender and emerged victorious in the Under 11 Boys Division;

**WHEREAS,** during the grand finals of the said competition held in Dapitan City, Zamboanga Del Norte, Nicolas was the only one in her division to win medals in all three events in which she participated, to wit: (i) a silver in standard chess, (2) a silver in blitz, and (3) a bronze in rapid;

**WHEREAS,** the exemplary performance of Nika Juris Nicolas truly deserves the highest and utmost praise, recognition, and commendation for bringing immense pride and inspiration to the Filipino people, for showing to the world the unrelenting spirit of our athletes, and for breaking the gender barrier in a sport traditionally dominated by male players;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** for the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend Nika Juris Nicolas for being the first female chess player to be awarded the title of National Master by the National Chess Federation of the Philippines (NCFP) last June 9, 2023.

*Adopted,*

  
**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
*Senator* 