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

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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE STUDENTS OF PHILIPPINE**  
**SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AT THE 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
**INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS OLYMPIAD (IOAA)**  
**HELD IN CHORZOW, POLAND**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate has, on various occasions, extended its recognition and acknowledgement to exceptional Filipinos, commending their skills, determination, and dedication to uplift country's pride and honor in local to international competitions;

**WHEREAS**, four (4) students from Philippine Science High School namely Mohammad Nur Casib, Yanna Lorraine Tenorio, Caesar Lopez Jr., Patrick Gabriel Abeleda, and Sean Ken Galanza represented the Philippines at the 16th annual IOAA.

**WHEREAS**, the competition's main advocacy for this annual event is to promote interest in the field of Astronomy and other stem subjects to younger generations;

**WHEREAS**, Casib's triumph marked the Philippines' first podium finish at the IOAA in the 13 years since its debut in 2010. He was awarded a coveted Silver medal, one of 41 given at the event, and led the Philippine delegates as the first-place winner in the national qualifiers earlier this year;

**WHEREAS**, Tenorio from PSHS Main Campus received an honorable mention award from the same competition;

**WHEREAS**, the other members representing the country are Caesar Loper Jr., Patrick Gabriel Abeleda, and Sean Ken Galanza;

**WHEREAS**, Team Philippines, joining 250 students from 50 countries, underwent rigorous three-stage competitions involving theory, observation, and analysis of astronomical data;

**WHEREAS**, the outstanding performance of PSHS students during the 16<sup>th</sup> IOOA showed the tenacity, skills, and determination of the students in competing not only for their schools but for our country;

**WHEREAS**, their success serves as an inspiration to their fellow youth and the country to enter and continuously support STEM-related endeavors;

**NOW, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to acknowledge and recognize the achievements of the Philippine Science high School Students in the 16<sup>th</sup> International Astronomy and Astrophysics Olympiad (IOAA) Held In Chorzow, Poland.

*Adopted,*

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