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**RESOLUTION**  
**COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF THE EAST CHORALE FOR**  
**DISPLAYING THE COUNTRY'S HIGHEST PRIDE AND UNIQUE ARTISTRY IN**  
**WINNING THE BUSAN INTERNATIONAL CHORAL COMPETITION**

**WHEREAS**, on 3 November 2007, the University of the East Chorale (UEC) won the championship for the second straight year of the Busan International Choral Competition in South Korea;

**WHEREAS**, the 26-member UEC bagged the grand prize, two gold medals and a judges' grade of "internationally excellent" in the international tilt;

**WHEREAS**, the Busan Choral Festival and Competition is intended to bring together choirs from all over the world in order to provide them with an opportunity to compare with each other or to work together in workshops, listen to each other and study with international famous conductors and experts. Its main aim is to be an international meeting venue with choral music as the central theme;

**WHEREAS**, the UEC beat other competitors from the host country, the United States, Russia, Czech Republic, Poland, Germany, India, Japan, China, Taiwan and Indonesia;

**WHEREAS**, the 15-year-old chorale, composed mostly of UE undergraduate students, succeeded in defending their championship in the annual competition and winning an international audience for their unexpected renditions of pop hits and stirring performance of classical pieces;

**WHEREAS**, they retained the gold medal in the pop category by surprising the crowd with unique a cappella arrangements of the bossa nova classic Mas Que Nada by Sergio Mendes, Josh Groban's You Raise Me up, the R&B hit Pon De Replay by Rihanna, Donna Cruz's Rain and Conga, by the Miami Sound Machine;

**WHEREAS**, UEC took the gold in the classical category through their performance of the required piece Exultate Justi in Domino and their three chosen songs, Virga Jesse and Filipino compositions Veni Creato Spiritus and Crucifixus;

**WHEREAS**, they took home \$10,000 for the grand prize, which the choir is saving up for their European tour next year to take part in competitions in Spain, Germany, France, Italy, Austria and Hungary;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES**, to commend the University of the East Chorale for winning the Busan International Choral Competition in South Korea for contributing to the pride and honor of the global Filipino.

Adopted.



**MANNY VILLAR**  
Senator