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**RESOLUTION**  
**COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF THE EAST CHORAL (UEC) FOR**  
**WINNING THE GRAND PRIZE IN THE BUSAN INTERNATIONAL CHORAL**  
**COMPETITION HELD IN BUSAN, 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 held from October 31 to November 3, besting choirs 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**, the UEC took home \$10,000 for the grand prize and won gold medals in the two categories where they chose to compete. Choirs were given the choice to compete in at most two of these categories: mixed classical, equal voices (all-male or all-female) classical, pop and ethnic;

**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**, the choir then upgraded last year's silver medal to a 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES**, to commend the University of the East Choral (UEC) for winning the grand prize in the Busan International Choral Competition held in Busan, South Korea and for making the Filipino proud.

Adopted.

  
RAMON BONG REVILLA JR.  
Senator