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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF THE EAST CHORALE (UEC) AND THE HIMIG SINGERS OF DAVAO CITY FOR BRINGING HOME INTERNATIONAL TROPHIES AND AWARDS FROM TWO INTERNATIONAL CHORAL SINGING COMPETITIONS THIS NOVEMBER 2007, THUS CEMENTING THE REPUTATION OF THE PHILIPPINES AS A NATION OF WORLD CLASS SINGERS

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid tribute to Filipino performing artists for their astonishing feat and talent and in bringing home pride and glory to the country by becoming world champions in various international competitions;

WHEREAS, on Nov. 3, 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 University of the East Chorale won the grand prize, two gold medals and a grade of "internationally excellent" from the judges of the Busan International Choral Competition held in South Korea last November 3, 2007;

WHEREAS, the 5-year-old University of the East Chorale, composed mostly of UE undergraduate students, beat choral groups from the host country, the United States, Russia, the Czech Republic, Poland, Germany, India, Japan, China, Taiwan and Indonesia;

WHEREAS, the University of the East Chorale retained the gold medal in the pop category by surprising the audience with unique *a capella* arrangements of bossa nova classics popularized by local and international artists;

WHEREAS, the choir also won the gold in the classical category by performing the piece "Exultate Justi in Domino" by Andreas Hakenberger and three songs of their choice, namely: "Virga Jesse" by Anton Bruckner and two Filipino compositions "Veni Creator Spiritus" by Alejandro Consolacion II and "Crucifixus" by John August Pamintuan;

WHEREAS, at about the same time, the multi-awarded Himig Singers of Davao City swept the First Asian Choir Games held in Jakarta, Indonesia last November 2 - 10, 2007 winning the top prize in the mixed vocal ensembles category, besting rival groups from China, Malaysia, Russia, South Korea, Sri Lanka and Thailand;

WHEREAS, these remarkable performances by our Filipino choral groups deserved to be commended for the honor and recognition they have brought to our country. The exemplary achievements displayed by our Filipino choral groups have inspired more Filipino youth to join various choral groups in the country as it has been proven that this event is an area where Filipinos can excel and dominate;

WHEREAS, these twin triumphs of the University of the East Chorale (UEC) and Himig Singers of Davao City earned the Philippines the reputation as a nation of natural-born world class singers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend the University of the East Chorale (UEC) and the Himig Singers of Davao City for bringing home international trophies and awards from two international choral singing competitions this November 2007, thus cementing the reputation of the Philippines as a nation of world class singers.

Adopted.


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