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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE WORLD'S YOUNGEST CHESS GRANDMASTER, WESLEY SO, 14 YEARS OLD, FOR WINNING THE "BATTLE OF GRANDMASTERS TOURNAMENT" HELD AT THE CITY STATE HOTEL, MANILA LAST MAY 1-4, 2008

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid tribute to Filipino athletes, in both the professional and amateur leagues, for their astonishing feat of bringing pride and honor to the country by becoming world champions;

WHEREAS, the game of chess has been regaining its ground in the Pinoy sporting world. With the salvo of victories from our Filipino Grandmasters (GM) both locally and abroad, our Filipino chess GMs are leading back our country in the focal point of the chess world map, thus giving honor to our beloved nation;

WHEREAS, the world's youngest grandmaster, Wesley So, a 14-year old Filipino, has shown his mastery and supremacy in the field of professional chess game by winning the "Battle of the Grandmasters Tournament" with a total of 8.5 points held at the City State Hotel in Manila, last May 1-4, 2008;

WHEREAS, the World's Youngest Chess Grandmaster, GM Wesley So, has earned his grandmaster status at the tender age of 14 years. He completed his Grandmaster (GM) requirements on December 8, 2007, thus making him the seventh youngest chess player to achieve the grandmaster title in chess history;

WHEREAS, Wesley So achieved his first GM norm in the "Offene Internationale Bayerische Schaha Meisterschaft" in Bad Wiessee, Germany and his second GM norm in the "2007 U-20 World Junior Chess Championship" in Yerevan, Armenia. Since December 2007, Wesley So has been considered to be the world's youngest Grandmaster at the age of fourteen;

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2008, GM Wesley So won the title in the "Dubai Open Chess Chamionship", setting the record as the youngest winner in the 10-year history of the "Sheikh Rashed Bin Hamdan Al Maktoum Cup";

WHEREAS, the exemplary game performance and historic triumph of the 14-year old Wesley So has once again made our country proud and brought back the Philippines in the center of the chess world map and inspired thousands of young Filipino chess players to venture into this sporting category.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate express its sincere congratulations and commendations to the World's Youngest Chess Grandmaster, Wesley So, 14-years old, for winning the "Battle of Grandmasters Tournament" held at the City State Hotel, Manila last May 1-4, 2008.

Adopted,


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