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Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
Senate
Pasay City

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RESOLUTION No. 58

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING
THE ATENEO DEBATE SOCIETY AND THE
ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY FOR THEIR
HISTORIC FEAT OF WINNING THE 2023 WORLD
UNIVERSITIES DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEREAS, at the 43rd World Universities Debating Championships held in Spain from 27 December 2022 to 4 January 2023, David Demitri Africa and Robert Nelson “Tobi” Leung, BS Applied Mathematics students from the Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU), made history by conquering their opponents and winning the world title for the Philippines, for the first time in the prestigious tournament’s long history;

WHEREAS, the team of Africa and Leung, bested students from Harvard University, National University of Singapore, Stanford University, London School of Economics, University of Sydney, Brown University, Institut Teknologi Bandung, Chulalongkorn University, Vanderbilt University, and University of New South Wales in the elimination, octo finals, quarter finals, and semi finals rounds;

WHEREAS, the duo from Ateneo Debate Society went head-to-head and succeeded against representatives from Princeton University (USA), Tel Aviv University (Israel) and Sofia University (Bulgaria) in the grand final, which centered on the motion of whether or not it is preferable to have a world where all persons have a strong belief in the philosophy of Ubuntu or "I am because we are";

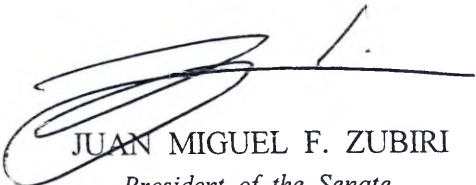
WHEREAS, in addition to the championship, Tobi Leung was named 2nd best speaker, while David Africa was ranked 8th best speaker;

WHEREAS, these achievements bring great pride and joy to our country by prominently raising the Philippine flag in the realm of international intellectual debate, and by highlighting the capabilities of Filipinos internationally as among the world's best;

WHEREAS, ADMU truly affirmed itself as one of the country's top universities and as an institution that hones and produces globally competitive individuals: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To congratulate and commend the Ateneo Debate Society and the Ateneo de Manila University for their historic feat of winning the 2023 World Universities Debating Championship.

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on
March 22, 2023.

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RENATO N. BANTUG Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

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