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RESOLUTION No. 82

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING  
JAMES ARANAS AND JOHANN CHUA FOR  
RULING THE 2023 WORLD CUP OF POOL 9-BALL  
CHAMPIONSHIP HELD FROM JUNE 27 TO  
JULY 2, 2023 AT THE PAZO DE FEIRAS  
E CONGRESOS DE LUGO IN LUGO, SPAIN

WHEREAS, the Senate has consistently given recognition and commendation to outstanding Filipinos for their contribution in showcasing our nation's promising potential in the various fields and disciplines of sports and in bringing pride and honor to the country by winning in international competitions;

WHEREAS, World Cup of Pool is a professional pool doubles tournament. The Philippines achieved victory in this competition for the first time in 2006, and repeated the success in 2009. The most recent triumph in the event occurred in 2013 in London;

WHEREAS, in the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the World Cup of Pool, which was held in Lugo, Spain, 32 pairs from various nations participated and competed. Among them were James Aranas and Johann Chua who represented the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Aranas-Chua duo's remarkable accomplishment started in the early round as they knocked out representatives from Spain who were the 2022 defending champions, in a 7-5 match on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The Philippine pair once more prevailed against another team from Spain via a convincing win of 7-2 on June 30<sup>th</sup>;


WHEREAS, Aranas and Chua continued their winning streak in the quarter finals as they dominated against the team from Chinese Taipei in a thrilling 9-8 match. In the semi-finals face-off, they stunned spectators as the Filipinos outplayed the team from Austria, who were two-time event titleholders (2019, 2017) with a score of 9-8;

WHEREAS, the Aranas-Chua duo proved unstoppable at the finals wherein they conquered Germany's team composed of players who are ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> in the world, with a score of 11-7;

WHEREAS, the consistent exemplary and outstanding performance of Aranas and Chua, resulting in the Philippines securing their fourth championship to rule the event after 10 years, deserves the highest praise, recognition, and commendation for bringing pride and inspiration to the Filipino people and for showing to the world the unrelenting spirit of Filipino sports excellence: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To congratulate and commend James Aranas and Johann Chua for ruling the 2023 World Cup of Pool 9-Ball Championship held from June 27 to July 2, 2023 at the Pazo de Feiras e Congressos de Lugo in Lugo, Spain.*

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI  
*President of the Senate*

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 16, 2023.



RENATO N. BANTUG Jr.  
*Secretary of the Senate*

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