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RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE MADRIGAL
SINGERS FOR RECEIVING THE DISTINCTION OF UNITED NATIONS
EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO)
ARTISTS FOR PEACE

WHEREAS, the Philippine Madrigal Singers deserves the accolade of the entire Filipino nation for being conferred the distinction of United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Artists for Peace at a ceremony at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris, France;

WHEREAS, UNESCO director general Koichiro Matsuura conferred the designation to the Philippine Madrigal Singers, also known as the Madz, "in recognition of their efforts to promote dialogue and understanding among peoples in Southeast Asia, their contribution to extend UNESCO's message of peace and tolerance, and their dedication to the ideals and aims of the organization";

WHEREAS, the Philippine Madrigal Singers, which was brought together in 1963 by music professor Andrea Veneracion, performs many different musical genres, but specializes in the Renaissance style for which it is named;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Madrigal Singers has won numerous awards, including the European Grand Prix for Choral Singing in 2007 (Arezzo, Italy), and its influence in the Philippines and throughout Asia is far-reaching;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Madrigal Singers is responsible for training more than 200 singers and choral music specialists since its creation, the group goes on tour twice a year, not only abroad but also to the most remote parts of the Philippines;

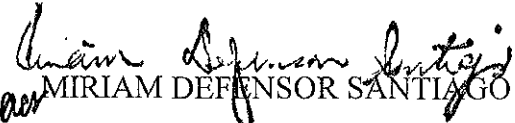
WHEREAS, the Philippine Madrigal Singers is expected to bring their support to UNESCO programs on cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue and specific projects including a series of Concerts for Peace, a Sing for Peace festival, and various choral singing classes, workshops, and educational activities;

WHEREAS, UNESCO Artists for Peace are world-famous personalities who use their influence, charisma, and prestige to help promote UNESCO's message and programs include musician Manu Dibango (Cameroon), actress Patricia Velasquez (Venezuela), musician Gilberto Gil (Brazil), dancer Miyako Yoshida (Japan), soprano Sumi Jo (Republic of Korea), singer and founder of the musical group Gypsy Kings Chico Bouchikhi (France), and conductor Valery Gergiev (Russian Federation);

WHEREAS, the Philippine Madrigal Singers continues to bring pride and honor to their native land, and enjoy the respect and admiration of their countrymen, if only to show that the Filipino can compete against the best in the world;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to congratulate and commend the Philippine Madrigal Singers for receiving the distinction of UNESCO Artists for Peace;

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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