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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING TEAM PHILIPPINES FOR BAGGING THE TOP HONORS AND WINNING 205 MEDALS AT THE HIGHLY COVETED 21ST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF PERFORMING ARTS (WCOPA) HELD IN LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A., HELD LAST JUNE 30 TO JULY 9, 2017

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has, in many occasions, paid tribute to Filipinos for bringing pride and glory to the country for their world class talent;

WHEREAS, the prestigious World Championship of Performing Arts (WCOPA) is often cited as the "Olympics of Performing Arts" that brings together singers, musicians, dancers, actors and models into one international competition;

WHEREAS, the WCOPA was held last June 30 to July 9, 2017 at the Terrace Theatre in Long Beach, California, USA and participated by 60 countries around the world;

WHEREAS, the outstanding performers of Team Philippines brought home a total of 205 medals: 58 gold, 99 silver and 48 bronze, the most medals any participating country won during the international meet;

WHEREAS, Cristiani Balonga Rebada, who competed in the Vocal Solo category, and eight-year-old Nhikzy Vheench Patino Calma, who competed in the Dance Solo category, were named the WCOPA 2017 Senior and Junior Grand Champions of the World, respectively—the highest honors given to all participants;

WHEREAS, Rebada secured the Grand Champion Performer of the World for the second year in a row and also bagged gold for the Senior Overall Awards in the Vocal Opera category;

WHEREAS, Calma also got gold in the Dance Open category and silver medals in the Dance Lyrical and Dance Hip-Hop/Funk categories;

WHEREAS, Hannah Korin Dimaano Castillo, another Filipino, bagged the WCOPA Final Competition 2017 Junior Champion for the Vocalist category and grabbed the silver medal in the Vocal Broadway and Vocal R&B/Soul/Jazz and bronze in the Vocal Opera categories;

WHEREAS, Team Philippines also won 22 division plaques and seven Industry awards and were also awarded with scholarships from Indasoul Records, Shelly Sondheim, Millennium Dance and the New York Film Academy;

WHEREAS, other talented Filipinos who competed in different categories must also be commended for being victorious and bringing honor to the Philippines;

WHEREAS, national director Gerry Mercado has once again won this year's Outstanding National Director award for steering Filipino talents into the international arena;

WHEREAS, the success of Team Philippines for many years in the WCOPA proves that Filipinos excel in the performing arts and the country has a vast pool of genuine and world class talents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to commend and congratulate Team Philippines for bagging the top honors and winning 205 medals at the highly coveted 21st World Championships of Performing Arts (WCOPA) held in Long Beach, California, USA last June 30 to July 9, 2017.

Adopted,


GRACE POE