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RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE MANILA SYMPHONY JUNIOR ORCHESTRA FOR WINNING THE GRAND PRIZE WITH OUTSTANDING SUCCESS AT THE 12TH SUMMA CUM LAUDE FESTIVAL HELD IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA FROM JULY 6 TO 11, 2018

1 WHEREAS, the Arts are held in high esteem under the 1987 Philippine
2 Constitution, which contains several provisions dedicated to preserving and promoting it
3 "...to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total
4 human liberation and development"¹;

5 WHEREAS, the Summa Cum Laude Festival is a prestigious international music
6 festival held in July of every year in Vienna, Austria which brings together youth choirs,
7 orchestras, and symphonic bands from around the world;

8 WHEREAS, the Summa Cum Laude Festival was established in 2007, and its 12th
9 iteration was recently held this July 6-11, 2018;

10 WHEREAS, youth choirs, orchestras and symphonic bands participating in the
11 Summa Cum Laude Festival may elect to compete with their peers in the "SCL
12 Competition" or join in the non-competitive "SCL Celebration";

13 WHEREAS, the Manila Symphony Junior Orchestra (MSJO), sent a delegation of
14 84 participants, composed of 47 young musicians aged 10 to 23, 3 teachers, and 34
15 chaperones, to participate in the String Orchestra Competition of this year's Summa
16 Cum Laude Festival;

¹ Article II, Section 17, 1987 Philippine Constitution

1 WHEREAS, the MSJO is the youth orchestra of the Manila Symphony Orchestra
2 Foundation, and is "...composed of the most advanced students of the MSO Music
3 Academy"²;

4 WHEREAS, after their 25-minute set comprised of 5 songs, the MSJO emerged
5 triumphant with the First Prize (with Outstanding Success) joint with Israel's Jerusalem
6 Conservatory Hassadna String Orchestra;

7 WHEREAS, the MSJO bested Canada's Montreal Suzuku String Orchestra which
8 garnered third place, and the Nanyang Girls' High School String Orchestra and the
9 UWCSEA String Orchestra which both hail from Singapore and which respectively
10 garnered fourth and fifth place;

11 WHEREAS, with their triumph in the 12th Summa Cum Laude Festival, the MSJO
12 has brought honor, pride and joy to the Philippines, and has again demonstrated that
13 Filipino class more than capable of matching up against the world's best;

14 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines has an established tradition of
15 recognizing outstanding Filipino individuals and organizations who have brought pride
16 and honor to the country by excelling in their respective fields;

17 WHEREAS, it is but fitting that the Senate commend and congratulation the
18 MSJO for their triumph and for bringing pride and glory to the country;

19 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of
20 the Philippines to congratulate and commend the Manila Symphony Junior Orchestra for
21 winning the First Prize with Outstanding Success at the 12th Summa Cum Laude Festival
22 held in Vienna, Austria from July 6 to 11, 2018.

Adopted,


GRACE POE

² <http://www.sclfestival.org/manila-symphony-junior-orchestra>