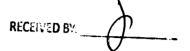


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Introduced by **SENATOR CYNTHIA A. VILLAR**

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING TEAM PHILIPPINES FOR THEIR REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT IN WINNING THE OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION TITLE AT THE 26TH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF PERFORMING ARTS (WCOPA), HELD FROM JULY 28 TO AUGUST 6, 2023, IN ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, it is stated in Article XIV, Section 19 of the 1987 Constitution that "the State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry;"

WHEREAS, Article II Section 17 of the 1987 Constitution states that "The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.;"

WHEREAS, the World Championship of Performing Arts (WCOPA) is a prestigious international competition often cited as the "Talent Olympics," serving as a global stage where talented performers and entertainers from around the world gather to exhibit their remarkable talents and skills across various categories and disciplines in performing arts, such as singing, dancing, playing musical instruments, acting, modeling, and other varieties;¹

WHEREAS, Team Philippines fielded a total of 106 artists, including singers, dancers, instrumentalists, actors, and models, in the prestigious 26th WCOPA held in

¹ https://wcopa.com/blog/about-us/

Anaheim, California, United States of America, from July 28 to August 6, 2023, where they showcased their immense talent and dedication across various disciplines of the performing arts;

WHEREAS, Team Philippines secured the highly-coveted Overall Grand Champion title at the 26th WCOPA this year, making a momentous comeback to the peak of distinction the country last attained in 2017, and outperforming top competitors from South Africa, Thailand, and 31 other participating countries;

WHEREAS, the standout performance of Team Philippines led to five (5) individual Grand Champions titles, awarded to the following Filipino performers:

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- 1) Junior Grand Champion Performer of the World,
- 2) Junior Grand Champion Vocalist of the World,
- Simone Tatyana Alyeshka Avisado
- 3) Junior Grand Champion Dancer of the World Group,
- Simone Tatyana Alyeshka
 Avisado; and Jhanrill Barcelona
- 4) Junior Grand Champion Dancer of the World (En Avant), and

• Pia Torino

5) Senior Grand Champion Dancer of the World

WHEREAS, Team Philippines garnered an impressive total of 362 awards and medals, comprising eighty-six (86) gold, ninety-one (91) silver, and fifty-nine (59) bronze medals, as well as fifty-three (53) division plaques, ten (10) finalist medals, fifty-six (56) semi-finalist medals, and seven (7) scholarships from the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts;

WHEREAS, Gerardo M. Mercado, the National Director of WCOPA Team Philippines 2023 and a Two-Time Diamond Awardee, has earned the prestigious Superior National Director Award for 2023 in the 26th WCOPA;

WHEREAS, the members of Team Philippines, along with their committed coaches, mentors, and families, deserve recognition and commendation for their unyielding dedication to achieving excellence in the performing arts;

WHEREAS, the victory of Team Philippines in the 26th WCOPA this year has not only elevated the sense of national pride but has also highlighted the Philippines as a center for extraordinary artistic talent;

WHEREAS, this remarkable achievement serves as an inspiration for aspiring artists and performers in the Philippines and around the world, encouraging them to chase their dreams and aim for excellence in their respective disciplines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend the following members of the Team Philippines for their remarkable achievement in winning the Overall Grand Champion Title at the 26th World Championships of Performing Arts (WCOPA), held from July 28 to August 6, 2023, in Anaheim, California, United States of America, and for bringing pride and honor to the country.

- Aban, Mikaela
- Acosta, Dennis Justin Dacanay
- Aguila, Ma. Reneasha Zoeh Manalo
- Aquilar, Xysa Nicole Caoile
- Alegre, Dana Angela
- Apil, Jermaine
- Arceo, Olarvina Alejo
- Bernales, Rommel Flores
- Blanco, Mark Angelo Magalang
- Buenafe, Marcus Dwayne
 Villanueva
- Cabela, Jonel Edward Trampe
- Caduyac, Ma.sofiah Jasmeet Sarusad
- Espineli, Jexeller Zamora
- Esquillo, Yojiboi Gabriel
- Fernandez, Juliah Katrina Yndra Capulong
- Florez, Carlos Florentino Bergonio
- Garcia, Louisito Jerome
 Guevarra
- Gobangco, Alexandra Molina
- Gonzales, Sarah Mae Cananua
- Gozun, Ethan Moses Salas
- Gutierrez, Aljon Dayot
- Gutierrez, Kelsea Anela Lagava

- Ypil, Khazandra Carizz Bandalan
- Candelaria, Jeria Edna Umipiq
- Caragos, John Fredmarc Nogoy
- Castillo, Natalia Simone Creighton
- Co, Maria Angelica Custodio
- Costibolo, Giver Angelo Frondozo
- De Guzman, Carlos Miguel Fernandez
- De Vera, Mary Abigail Nandunza
- Detosil, Anahbea Balingit
- Detosil, Micaila Balingit
- Aguilar, Szophia Brielle Balingit
- Dimaano, Jenika Mikayla Cortez
- Dimaculangan, Bianca Ysabella Tayengco
- Dula, John Mark Lizada
- Emuang, Gina Ulat
- Licudan, Angelica Barbosa
- Malimban, Moira Beatrice Tonog
- Malimban, Nayla Francesca Louise Tonog
- Mangahas, Ronica Mae Santos
- Maranan, Biency Francia Recto
- Mashykhi, Zahara Ahmed Benedicto
- Melgarejo, Rainner

- Idos, Reniel Calaunan
- Inez, Ferdinand Onte
- Langres, Daniella Maquiling
- Lasam, Rolando Oliquiano
- Raganit, Jan Rei Arizabal
- De Ramos, Lex Bathan
- Sabordo, Shiela Mae Gerona
- Salazar, Sesy Lou Bucalen
- Santos, Janella Gunita
- Sawali, Jaylord Ellis Gutierrez
- Singua, Ariann Jhoy Silloco
- Sobremonte, Jason Ivan Timbal
- Solis, Russelito Tac-an
- Torino, Joshua
- Vega, Jamee Stevena Boras
- Yape, Scarlette De Sagon
- Zulueta, Miguel Rico Ang
- Alpeche, Khayle Doe Pael
- Aurestila, Irene Auxtero
- Bragat, Natalie Jeana Abellana
- Gomez, Shandel Arroz
- Lariosa, Christy Loro
- Lucaylucay, Eden Faith Am Is
- Maglocot, Thedd Aldritz Geca
- Pesado, Love Dannah De Pallo
- Rusia, Francine Kate Novilla
- Saraza, Beverly Labrador
- Tampos, Adrian Miguel Olmoguez
- Tano, Leannah Dominique Almasol

- Millo, Yeuhan Santi Ynigo Sanchez
- Orobia, Ryan Mendez
- Pajes, Adel Mordeno
- Patawaran, Jade Go
- Pernia, Krizelle May
- Puno, Carlos Lito II Babcock
- Avisado, Simone Tatyana Alyeshka
- Barcelona, Jhanrill Greca Tizon
- Bedico, Angel Jade Ramirez
- Bravo, Chezka Kim
- Cabanit, Federico Valmoria
- Dagoldol, Judeevyn Fane Revacca
- Fajanel, Felyn Joy Calibang
- Gattoc, James Patrick Calumpang
- Gentapan, Jude Carlo De La Cruz
- Ginete, Princess Marthecia Mindaña
- Jaime, Cyrell Cabrera
- Mosot, Nathan Kim Abellana
- Ogue, Perlray Leonardo
- Pascua, Ysabelle Mae Camangyan
- Perez, Samantha Ysabel Duyac
- Plaza, Karla Mae Penaso
- Plaza, Karla Mae Penaso
- Torino, Pia Elysa Rosete
- Tubalado, Mariah Venice Calleno
- Yala, LG Mae Espinel
- Villarta, Eid Figueroa
- Villaluna, Mary Divine Suño De
- Mercado, Gerardo M. (National Director, Team Philippines 2023)

Adopted,

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