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RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF THE
PHILIPPINES - COLLEGE OF LAW (UP-COL) MOOT COURT TEAMS FOR
WINNING THE 2024 JESSUP LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION AND 28TH
STETSON ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MOOT COURT
COMPETITION HELD IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, the Senate has, on several occasions, given recognition and commendation to outstanding Filipinos for their contribution in bringing pride and honor to the country by winning in international and national moot court competitions;

WHEREAS, the University of the Philippines College of Law (UP-COL) Moot Court Teams have not only brought pride to their University, but also to our nation through their championship victories at the 2024 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition held on April 6, 2024 in Washington, D.C., and at the 28th Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition held from April 10-13, 2024 in Gulfport, Florida;

WHEREAS, the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition serves an advocacy competition for law students. In this competition, teams of law students compete against one another through the presentation of oral and written pleadings to tackle timely and relevant issues of public international law in the context of a hypothetical legal dispute between nations;

WHEREAS, in the 2024 Jessup Moot Court Competition, the UP-COL Jessup Team emerged as global champions over 642 teams representing more than 100 countries;

WHEREAS, the following members of the UP-COL Jessup Team have showcased remarkable skill and expertise in their designated roles, and are therefore deserving of recognition and commendation:

1. Mary Regine Dadole
2. Pauline De Leon
3. Pauline Samantha Sagayo
4. Chinzen Viernes
5. Ignacio Lorenzo Villareal (received the Schwebel Award for Best Oralist at the Final Round)

WHEREAS, only a week following the UP-COL Jessup Team's victory, the UP-COL Stetson Team claimed the title of World Champion by defeating 19 law schools representing their respective regions. This victory marked the UP-COL as the first Southeast Asian university to win the Stetson Moot twice;

WHEREAS, the Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition stands as the premier international platform for environmental law moot court advocacy. In this year's competition, the UP-COL Stetson team championed the protection of a critically endangered Mountain Gorillas species threatened by oil extraction activities, underscoring the necessity of thorough and comprehensive environmental impact assessments;

WHEREAS, the UP-COL Stetson Team consists of the following exceptional law students, deserving of recognition and commendation:

1. Noel Francis Galinato
2. Miriam Celine Miciano (awarded the Overall Best Oralist for the Preliminary Round)
3. Alia Dominique Yao (awarded the 3rd Best Oralist for the Preliminary Rounds and the Best Oralist of the Championship Round)

WHEREAS, Professors Marianne Crielie Vitug and Rommel Casis also merit recognition and commendation for their diligent efforts and commitment in serving as the coach and faculty advisor of the UP-COL teams;

WHEREAS, the exceptional achievements of the University of the Philippines – College of Law Moot Court Teams reflect their diligence, commitment, dedication, and expertise in the field of law, and a source of inspiration for aspiring lawyers both in the Philippines and abroad;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend the University of the Philippines – College of Law Moot Court Teams for winning the 2024 Jessup Law Moot Court Competition and the 28th Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition held in the USA.

Adopted,



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Senator