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**RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING BERNARDO MATUDAN AND JAMILLE BIANCA AGUILAR FOR WINNING FIRST AND SECOND PLACE, RESPECTIVELY, IN THE 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WORLD CHILDREN'S PICTURE CONTEST IN JAPAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Ie-no-Hikari Association, a Japanese charitable corporation established as a member of the Japan Agricultural Co-operatives group, is dedicated to the cultural promotion of rural communities through publication of books and various other cultural communities;

**WHEREAS**, the Ie-no-Hikari Association has yearly organized the World Children's Picture Contest since 1993 "in hope that this contest would create amity and friendship among children all over the world and develop good personality of children";

**WHEREAS**, the World Children's Picture Contest is sponsored by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs; Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology; Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries; Nippon Hōsei Kokai (NHK); the International Society for Education through Art; the Japan Federation of Art Education Teachers; and the International Raiffeisen Union;

**WHEREAS**, a total of two hundred (200) winners are selected under the following categories: gold (20 winners), silver (40 winners), bronze (60 winners) and honorable mention (80 winners);

**WHEREAS**, gold, silver and bronze prize winners are awarded a certificate of merit and a commemorative gift while honorable mention winners are awarded a certificate of merit;

**WHEREAS**, in the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the said contest, there are 51,320 entries from sixty six (66) countries which was selected by judges comprised of experts from the National Museum of Art in Tokyo and the country's premier universities and art associations;

**WHEREAS**, Bernardo Matudan, a third-year student from Batasan Hills National High School, received gold prize for his work, "Time is Gold";

**WHEREAS**, another young Filipino, 12-year-old Jamille Bianca Aguilar won the silver prize for her work entitled, "The Different Side of Me";

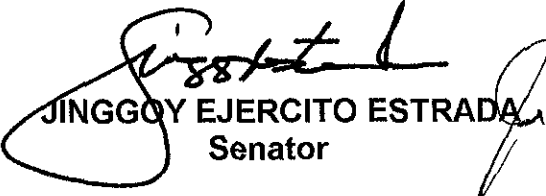
**WHEREAS**, the awards were presented during a ceremony held last March 24 in Toranomom Pastoral Hotel in Tokyo;

**WHEREAS**, young artists Bernardo and Jamille Bianca accentuate the artistry, creativity, and ingenuity of Filipinos which is an essential component of the nation's heritage, culture and tradition;

**WHEREAS**, their success in the international art contest proves the exceptional and competitive skills of Filipinos which can further be enhanced if the government takes a more proactive stance in nurturing the potentials of our people;

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to congratulate Bernardo Matudan and Jamille Bianca Aguilar for winning first and second place, respectively, in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual World Children's Picture Contest in Japan.

*Adopted,*

  
**JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA**  
Senator