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Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING GRANDMASTER WESLEY SO FOR PLACING NO. 8 IN THE WORLD CHESS RANKING, THEREBY MAKING HIM THE HIGHEST-RATED FILIPINO GRANDMASTER IN HISTORY AND THE ONLY FILIPINO TO HAVE EVER REACHED 2700 IN THE WORLD CHESS FEDERATION (FIDE) RATING

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has, on several occasions, paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for their laudable feats which have brought home pride and honor to the country, such as winning awards in international events and competitions;

WHEREAS, last October 14, 2013, the Philippine Senate adopted a resolution congratulating and commending Grandmaster Wesley So for bringing honor and distinction to the country by winning the gold medal in the men's chess competitions of the 27th Summer Universiade (World University Games) at the Kazan Equestrian Complex in Kazan, Russia last July 2013, the first time that any individual or team from the Philippines had won a gold medal in any sport in 54 years of competitions at the Universiade;

WHEREAS, Grandmaster So is the Philippines' youngest ever International Master, youngest ever Grandmaster (GM), youngest ever National Champion; and also the eighth youngest player in the world to attain the Grandmaster in history, achieving the GM title at the age of 14 years, 1 month and 28 days;

WHEREAS, since his difficult decision to transfer to the United States Chess Federation, GM So has soared to No. 2 in the U.S. World Chess Federation (FIDE) rating list, and has finally staked his claim for a place among the world's top ten as he is now officially ranked the No. 8 highest rated chess player in the world as of March 2015;

WHEREAS, this makes GM So the highest-rated Filipino Grandmaster in history, the only Filipino to have ever reached 2700 in the FIDE rating;

WHEREAS, moreover, GM So was able to reach No. 6 in the world in live ratings at Tata Steel chess super tournament in Netherlands in January this year, his highest ever, and the highest a Filipino chess player has ever achieved;

WHEREAS, despite his transfer to the U.S. Chess Federation in order to get more serious training and to be able to compete in high level events, GM So has maintained his Filipino citizenship, and has time and again declared his pride for his Filipino heritage amidst his impressive rise in world rankings;

WHEREAS, cognizant of unparalleled feats in the world of chess and his determination to excel in the field, GM So deserves to be commended for being a source of great pride and inspiration to the Filipino people;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate to commend and congratulate Grandmaster Wesley So for placing No. 8 in the world chess ranking, thereby making him the highest-rated Filipino grandmaster in history, and the only Filipino to have ever reached 2700 in the World Chess Federation (FIDE) rating.

Adopted,


ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
Senator