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RESOLUTION
COMMENDING WESLEY SO FOR WINNING GOLD IN THE WORLD YOUTH
CHESS OLYMPIAD HELD IN TURKEY

WHEREAS, Wesley So, the Philippines' youngest ever Grandmaster won the individual gold medal for the second straight year in the World Under-16 Chess Olympiad at the Mersin Great Municipality Sports Hotel in Mersin, Turkey;

WHEREAS, World Under-16 Chess Olympiad in Mersin, Turkey was participated by 125 players from 19 different countries with a total of 27 teams;

WHEREAS, So achieved the Grandmaster title at the age of 14 years and puts him as the 7th youngest person to achieve the Grandmaster title in the history of chess;

WHEREAS, before becoming a Grandmaster, So had become the youngest Filipino International Master at the age of 12 years;

WHEREAS, in 2006, he became the youngest member of the national men's team to participate at the 37th Chess Olympiad in Turin, Italy at the age of 12 and in December of the same year, he also became the youngest National Open Chess Champion;

WHEREAS, So achieved his final Grandmaster norm on December 8, 2007, thus becoming the youngest Filipino Grandmaster at the age of 14 and on July 2008 in the *Fédération Internationale des Échecs* or World Chess Federation rating list, So is the highest ranked chess player in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, So is rated the world's strongest chess player for his age level (players born in 1993 and later) and the latest ratings put him on the 18th spot of the world top 20 juniors list;

WHEREAS, So has done the nation proud and have shown the world the Filipinos' capacity to excel in the field of sports;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, to commend Wesley So for winning gold in the World Youth Chess Olympiad held in Turkey and for contributing to the pride and honor of the global Filipino.

Adopted,


MANNY VILLAR
Senator