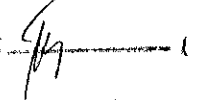


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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING 13-YEAR OLD FILIPINA SKATER ANNA ISABELA "ISSAI" VILLAFUERTE FOR WINNING 11 GOLD, 6 SILVER AND 3 BRONZE MEDALS IN THE FIGURE SKATING COMPETITION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SANCTIONED BY THE UNITED STATES FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION (USFSA)

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid tribute to outstanding Filipino athletes for their astonishing feat of bringing home pride and glory to the country by becoming champions in international sporting competitions;

WHEREAS, 13-year old Filipina ice skater Anna Isabela "Issai" Villafuerte won 11 gold, 6 silver and 3 bronze medals after competing for three months in figure skating in the United States of America;

WHEREAS, Anna Isabela "Issai" Villafuerte is the first Filipina skater to get an accreditation from the United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA), the official governing body for the sport of figure skating in America recognized by the United States Olympic Committee and the International Skating Union;

WHEREAS, the 13-year old Filipina skater is the first Philippine-born ice skater to qualify to compete in the US Figure Skating Association (USFSA) competitive events, having qualified in 2007 after undergoing a series of rigorous tests conducted by the USFSA;

WHEREAS, Villafuerte was only eight years old when she showed interest in figure skating, first competing in Skate Asia 2006 in Shenzhen, China against 2,000 figure skaters where she won seven medals;

WHEREAS, the exemplary performance displayed by the 13-year old Filipina skater have inspired many young Filipino athletes to engage in this sporting category of ice skating;

WHEREAS, by winning this international tournament, Anna Isabela "Issai" Villafuerte has made our country proud and has shown to the world the spirit of Filipino competitiveness and excellence;

WHEREAS, this outstanding performance by our Filipina ice skater deserved to be commended for the honor and recognition she has brought to our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend 13-year old Filipina skater Anna Isabela "Issai" Villafuerte for winning 11 gold, 6 silver and 3 bronze medals in the figure skating competition in the United States of America, sanctioned by the United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA).

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
 Senator