

Republic of the Philippines  
Congress of the Philippines  
**Senate**

Manila City

Fourteenth Congress

Second Regular Session



RESOLUTION No. 113

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 in 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 7<sup>th</sup> youngest person to achieve the Grandmaster title in the history of chess;

WHEREAS, before becoming a Grandmaster, So became 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 in the 37<sup>th</sup> 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, 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 18<sup>th</sup> spot of the world top 20 juniors list;


WHEREAS, So has done the nation proud and has 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  
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 8, 2008.

  
EMMA LIRIO-REYES  
*Secretary of the Senate*  
*at* *ps*  
O