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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

**RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO STUDENTS BENEDICT IVAN ANDRADA, ERWIN SOLETA AND MARIA KATRINA VOLANTE FOR WINNING THE GRAND PRIZE IN THE FUTURE MINDS COMPETITION 2012 ON 26 APRIL 2012 IN MADRID, SPAIN.**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid tribute to exemplary Filipino students for their outstanding achievements in bringing home pride and honor to the country by becoming champions in international competitions;

**WHEREAS**, University of the Philippines students Benedict Ivan Andrada, Erwin Soleta and Maria Katrina Volante made the country proud when they won the grand prize in Indra's Future Minds Competition 2012 besting other participating teams from Spain, Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, Argentina, Czech Republic, and Peru on 26 April 2012 in Madrid, Spain;

**WHEREAS**, according to the competition's website, the Future Minds Competition aims "to find bright minds, innovative people who are passionate about technology and new challenges";

**WHEREAS**, the distinction garnered by our Filipino students in Indra's Future Minds Competition 2012 shows that with proper training, Filipino students can excel in the field of science and can ably compete with their foreign counterparts;

**WHEREAS**, this excellent performance displayed by Benedict Ivan Andrada, Erwin Soleta and Maria Katrina Volante have renewed our determination to further develop and improve our educational system and establish the Philippines as a breeding ground for globally competitive scientists.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved to congratulate and commend Filipino students Benedict Ivan Andrada, Erwin Soleta and Maria Katrina Volante for winning the grand prize in the Future Minds Competition 2012 on 26 April 2012 in Madrid, Spain.

**Adopted,**

**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
Senator