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SENATE

P.S. Resolution No. 505

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR VICENTE C. SOTTO III

**RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MICHAEL
CHRISTIAN MARTINEZ FOR BEING THE FIRST SKATER FROM
SOUTHEAST ASIA TO QUALIFY FOR THE WINTER OLYMPICS AND FOR
FINISHING 19TH PLACE IN THE 2014 WINTER OLYMPICS HELD IN SOCHI,
RUSSIA**

WHEREAS, Section 17 of Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, "the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development";

WHEREAS, the 2014 Winter Olympics, officially known as the XXII Olympic Winter Games is a major international multi-sport event held in Sochi, Russia on February 7-23, 2014;

WHEREAS, Michael Christian Martinez, a 17-year old Filipino skater, is the first skater from Southeast Asia to qualify for the Winter Olympics. He is the lone representative of the Philippines at the 2014 Winter Olympics and served as its flag bearer during the opening ceremony;

WHEREAS, Michael Christian Martinez, qualified for the free skate and finished 19th overall with a total score of 184.25 in the 2014 Winter Olympics;

WHEREAS, Michael Christian Martinez, despite his family's limited resources and severe asthma medical condition, pursued to learn and develop his skills in figure skating in various shopping mall rinks in the Philippines. He dreamed that one day, he would join the Winter Olympics and would bring pride to Filipino nation;

WHEREAS, Michael Christian Martinez has proved to Filipinos that with perseverance, determination and hardwork, it is possible to attain and fulfill one's goals;

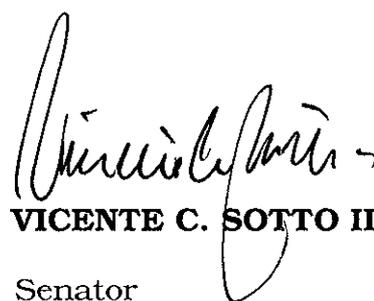
WHEREAS, during Michael Christian Martinez' performance, commentators of the 2014 Winter Olympics have uttered the following compliments: "Such a great performance from such a young man!, what a debut for the Philippines!, that was fantastic!;

WHEREAS, Michael Christian Martinez' achievement has brought pride, recognition and honor to the country and to Filipino people;

WHEREAS, Michael Christian Martinez rightfully deserves commendation from the Philippine Senate for remarkably showing to the world the exceptional talent of Filipinos;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Philippines, commending and congratulating Michael Christian Martinez for being the first skater in Southeast Asia to qualify for the Winter Olympics and for finishing 19th place in the 2014 Winter Olympics held in Sochi, Russia, thereby bringing pride, joy and honor to the Filipino people.

Adopted,


VICENTE C. SOTTO III
Senator