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**Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.**

**RESOLUTION**

**COMMENDING EUGENIO 'EUGENE' TORRE, ASIA'S FIRST CHESS GRANDMASTER, FOR BEING THE FIRST ASIAN MALE TO BE INDUCTED IN THE WORLD CHESS HALL OF FAME OF THE WORLD CHESS FEDERATION**

1           **WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate has, on several occasions, given recognition  
2 and commendation to outstanding Filipinos for their outstanding feats of bringing  
3 honor, pride and glory to the country by garnering prestigious awards;

4           **WHEREAS**, The World Chess Hall of Fame's mission is to build awareness for  
5 the cultural and artistic significance of chess;

6           **WHEREAS**, Eugenio "Eugene" Torre is a Filipino chess player at 22 years old,  
7 became the First Filipino and Asian to qualify for the title Grandmaster by winning the  
8 silver medal in the 21st Chess Olympiad in Nice, France in 1974;

9           **WHEREAS**, Grandmaster Eugene Torre (GM Eugene) is considered a trailblazer  
10 in Philippine and Asian chess for half a century;

11           **WHEREAS**, GM Eugene has achieved a number of continental milestones  
12 including being first to defeat a reigning world champion, Anatoly Karpov in 1976, and  
13 first to reach the Candidates stage of the World Championship in 1982-1983, including  
14 being the official second of Bobby Fischer in his 1992 rematch with Boris Spassky;

15           **WHEREAS**, GM Eugene, has played in 23 Philippine Olympiads and attended  
16 25 of the biennial events in total, and winning five individual medals - silver at Nice

1 1974 and 2010 Asian Games in China; and bronze at Malta 1980 and Dubai 1986;

2 **WHEREAS**, GM Eugene has won a bronze medal on board three at Baku 2016  
3 at the age of 64 and was inducted into the Philippine Sports Hall of Fame by the  
4 Philippine Sports Commission in 2016;

5 **WHEREAS**, Grandmaster Eugenio 'Eugene' Torre, in being inducted to the  
6 World Chess Hall of Fame by World Chess Federation (*Fédération Internationale des*  
7 *Échecs, FIDE*) joining the ranks of 39 chess legends, has immortalized himself as a  
8 global sports icon, inspiring all Filipino athletes to persevere in their individual field  
9 and hereby bringing great pride and honor to the country;

10 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to commend  
11 Eugenio 'Eugene' Torre, Asia's First Chess Grandmaster, for being the first Asian Male  
12 to be inducted in the World Chess Hall of Fame of the World Chess Federation.

*Adopted,*

  
RAMON BONG REVILLA JR.  
