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RESOLUTION
COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE MADRIGAL SINGERS FOR DISPLAYING
THE COUNTRY'S HIGHEST PRIDE AND ARTISTRY IN WINNING THE
EUROPEAN GRAND PRIX FOR CHORAL SINGING

WHEREAS, the Philippine Madrigal Singers won the prestigious European Grand Prix for Choral Singing on 27 August 2007 in Arezzo, Italy;

WHEREAS, the Madrigals beat other competitors from Russia, represented by the Vesna Children's Choir; Hungary, who fielded the Cantemos Mixed Choir; Cuba, represented by the Schola Cantorum Coralina; and Taiwan's Taipei Chamber Singers;

WHEREAS, the choral group performed a 20-minute program for the competition which included: John Pamintuan's arrangement of "Pater Noster," a French madrigal, a German art song, the American contemporary song "We Beheld Once Again the Stars" by Z. Randall Stroope and a children's song from Maguindanao titled "Kaisa-isa Nyan" by Nilo Alcala;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Madrigal Singers topped the European Grand Prix for the first time on 1997;

WHEREAS, it is the first and only choir to win twice in what is known as the choral Olympics of the world in the annual competition's history since it was organized on 1989;

WHEREAS, the formidable Philippine Madrigal Singers was founded in 1963 by National Artist for Music Andrea O. Veneracion, who led the choir in winning various choral competitions from all over the world;

WHEREAS, the European Grand Prix is an annual choral competition for the winners of six European choral competitions and it was inaugurated in 1989;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, to commend the Philippine Madrigal Singers for winning the European Grand Prix for Choral Singing and for contributing to the pride and honor of the global Filipino.

Adopted.


MANNY VILLAR
Senator