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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING EMILIO LOPUE, JR. FOR BECOMING THE FIRST FILIPINO STUDENT TO WIN FIRST PLACE IN THE 7TH CHINESE BRIDGE - CHINESE PROFICIENCY COMPETITION FOR FOREIGN COLLEGE STUDENTS HELD LAST AUGUST 2008 IN HUNAN, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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, the "Chinese Bridge - Chinese Proficiency Competition for College Students", sponsored by the Office of Chinese Language Council International, is a large-scale international competition event for foreign college students to show their Chinese proficiency, Chinese cultural knowledge and talent. Since 2002, the "Chinese Bridge" competition has been held six times. More than 480 students from over 50 countries have come to the People's Republic of China to participate in finals and the number of preliminary competitors has exceeded 40,000 students;

WHEREAS, Emilio Lopue Jr., a senior Legal Management student at the Ateneo de Manila University (AdMU), became the first Filipino student to win first place in the 7th Chinese Bridge - Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign College Students held last August 2008 in Hunan, People's Republic of China, beating over a hundred other college students from dozens of countries competing;

WHEREAS, the 7th Chinese Bridge Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign College Students was open to college students from all over the world whose mother tongue is not Chinese, and was participated by 110 contestants from 55 countries around the globe;

WHEREAS, as a result of winning this competition, Emilio Lopue, Jr. was awarded a trophy, a Master's Degree scholarship in any course of his chosen university in China, free board and lodging, settlement allowance, medical insurance, a roundtrip ticket from Philippines to China vice versa, and was bestowed the title "Ambassador of the Chinese Language";

WHEREAS, the excellent performance displayed by Emilio Lopue, Jr. in the recent 7th Chinese Bridge - Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign College Students has renewed our resolve to further develop our foreign language proficiency training and improve our cultural relations and ties with the People's Republic of China.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, to express its sincere congratulations and commendations to Emilio Lopue, Jr. for becoming the first Filipino student to win first place in the 7th Chinese Bridge Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign College Students held last August 2008 in Hunan, People's Republic of China.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator