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RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MOHAMMAD NUR CASIB OF THE
PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL (PSHS) CENTRAL MINDANAO
CAMPUS FOR SECURING THE PHILIPPINES' FIRST-EVER GOLD MEDAL AT
THE INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS OLYMPIAD
(IOAA) 2024 IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines, in upholding its duty to recognize and celebrate exemplary achievements in education, science, and youth development, extends its highest commendation to outstanding young Filipinos who bring honor to the country through international competitions;

WHEREAS, Mohammad Nur Casib, a 17-year-old student from the Philippine Science High School (PSHS) Central Mindanao Campus and a resident of Marawi City, achieved an extraordinary milestone by winning the Philippines' first-ever gold medal in the prestigious International Astronomy and Astrophysics Olympiad (IOAA) held from August 17-27, 2024, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil;

WHEREAS, this landmark achievement places the country on the international map of academic and scientific excellence, as Casib's victory represents not only personal success but also a significant milestone in the Philippines' participation in the IOAA, now in its 17th year;

WHEREAS, Casib's remarkable performance in the 17th IOAA is a testament to his dedication and potential in the fields of astronomy and astrophysics, marking his second consecutive medal in the competition, following his historic silver finish at the 16th IOAA in Poland in 2023;

WHEREAS, in addition to his IOAA victory, Casib has achieved two other major honors in 2024, securing gold at the inaugural International Nuclear Science Olympiad (INSO), where he earned the title of Nuclear Science Ambassador, and another gold at the XXXVI Asian Pacific Mathematics Olympiad (APMO), reflecting his exceptional skill and commitment across multiple fields of scientific study;

WHEREAS, Casib's outstanding performance led the Philippine delegation's success at the 17th IOAA, which included:

1. Gold Medal - Mohammad Nur Casib, PSHS Central Mindanao Campus
2. Bronze Medal - Sean Ken Galanza, PSHS Main Campus
3. Honorable Mention - Yanna Lorraine Tenorio, PSHS Main Campus
4. Honorable Mention - Alvann Paredes Dy, St. Jude Catholic School
5. Team Leaders - Russel Odi, Saint Jude Catholic School; Bhazel Pelicano, PSHS Main Campus

WHEREAS, Casib's achievement has inspired not only his fellow students at the Philippine Science High School and in Marawi City but also the entire nation, showing the world the incredible talent and potential of Filipino youth in the sciences;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to congratulate and commend Mohammad Nur Casib of the Philippine Science High School Central Mindanao Campus for securing the country's first-ever gold medal in the International Astronomy and Astrophysics Olympiad (IOAA), bringing honor and pride to the Philippines.

Adopted,



MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator