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## Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

## RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE WOMEN'S CHESS TEAM FOR WINNING AT THE 45TH FIDE CHESS OLYMPIAD HELD IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines, in its enduring commitment to recognize Filipino excellence, has consistently honored distinguished individuals and teams whose achievements uplift the nation and demonstrate our global potential in various fields, especially in sports, where Filipino athletes have repeatedly brought honor to our country on the world stage;

WHEREAS, the 45th FIDE Chess Olympiad, one of the most prestigious chess competitions in the world, was held from September 10-23, 2024, in Budapest, Hungary, bringing together 181 formidable teams from across the globe to compete in the women's division, with each match showcasing exceptional skill, strategy, and determination;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Women's Chess Team delivered an exceptional performance in this grand international arena, triumphing in their final round against Brazil with a remarkable 4-0 sweep, led by Woman FIDE Master Shania Mae Mendoza, Woman Grandmaster Janelle Mae Frayna, Woman International Master Jan Jodilyn Fronda, and Woman National Master Ruelle Canino, whose individual brilliance and team cohesion earned them this historic victory;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Women's Chess Team ranked 24th overall and achieved the outstanding honor of winning the gold medal in Group B, marking the

Philippines' first Chess Olympiad medal since 2006 and setting a new benchmark for Philippine chess on the global stage;

WHEREAS, the exceptional dedication, strategic mastery, and indomitable spirit displayed by the Philippine Women's Chess Team not only brought pride and joy to the Filipino people but also served as a beacon of inspiration for aspiring athletes, demonstrating the excellence of Filipino women in sports and reinforcing the country's commitment to achieving greatness in international competitions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to extend its heartfelt congratulations and highest commendation to the Philippine Women's Chess Team for their historic achievement and exemplary performance at the 45th FIDE Chess Olympiad in Budapest, Hungary, and for once again raising the Philippine flag on the world stage, filling the nation with pride and hope for future sporting triumphs.

Adopted,

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Senator