

**SENATE**

**P. S. Res. No. 1262**

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**Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada**

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**RESOLUTION**  
**COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING SINGER SOFRONIO VASQUEZ III**  
**FOR BECOMING THE FIRST FILIPINO AND FIRST ASIAN TO WIN "THE**  
**VOICE USA" INTERNATIONAL SINGING COMPETITION FINALS HELD ON 11**  
**DECEMBER 2024**

1 WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has consistently recognized outstanding  
2 Filipino artists and performers who win in prestigious international competitions and  
3 who bring pride and honor to the country;

4 WHEREAS, Sofronio Vasquez III is a 32-year-old singer born from Misamis  
5 Occidental, Northern Mindanao who made history as the first Filipino and first Asian  
6 to be hailed as the grand champion of the popular American reality singing competition  
7 television series "The Voice USA" during its 26<sup>th</sup> season;

8 WHEREAS, Vasquez delivered show-stopping performances of "Unstoppable"  
9 and "A Million Dreams" during the show's finale aired on 11 December 2024 (Philippine  
10 time) and bested four other contestants namely Shye, Sydney Sterlace, Danny Joseph  
11 and Jeremy Beloate;

12 WHEREAS, Vasquez garnered the highest number of votes across America to  
13 win the highly coveted The Voice trophy, \$100,000 cash prize and a record deal with  
14 Universal Music Group;

15 WHEREAS, "The Filipino phenom" made waves early in the competition,  
16 becoming a four-chair turner during the "Blind Audition" stage where all four superstar  
17 coaches, namely rapper and record producer Snoop Dogg, country singer and actress  
18 Reba McEntire, rock band vocalist Gwen Stefani and jazz crooner Micheal Bubl , who

1 eventually became his mentor in the show, expressed interest to recruit him for their  
2 respective teams upon hearing his rendition of the R&B song "I'm Going Down";

3 WHEREAS, Vasquez survived the subsequent elimination phases, specifically in  
4 the "Battles" with a stirring performance of "Power of Love," in the "Knockouts" with  
5 his soaring take on "You Don't Have to Say You Love Me," and the "Playoffs" with his  
6 heartfelt interpretation of "Crying." His exceptional artistry and versatility shined in the  
7 series' "Live Shows" with his standout performances of "If I Can Dream" and "Every  
8 Breath You Take" which secured his spot in the finale;

9 WHEREAS, Vasquez initially studied to become a dentist before moving to Utica,  
10 New York, USA where he is working as a dental assistant to provide for his family;

11 WHEREAS, Vasquez previously joined the local singing tilt "Tawag ng  
12 Tanghalan" in the variety television program "It's Showtime" where he successfully  
13 honed his craft despite falling short of clinching the championship title multiple times.  
14 He also reportedly tried his luck to enter the Philippine edition of "The Voice" where  
15 he failed to pass the audition round;

16 WHEREAS, Vasquez embodied the incomparable Filipino vocal prowess and  
17 showcased the nation's fervent passion for music before the international stage,  
18 thereby bringing prestige and honor for the entire country;

19 WHEREAS, Vasquez demonstrated relentless perseverance, determination and  
20 resilience in pursuing his dreams, not letting rejections and prior failures to derail his  
21 ultimate goal of making a name and leaving a mark in the music industry;

22 WHEREAS, Vasquez' inspiring journey represents the aspirations and  
23 unwavering spirit of many of our *kababayan* and promising young artists, as his  
24 triumph reminds us how dreams can be achieved with persistence, hard work and  
25 continuous learning;

26 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to  
27 commend and congratulate singer Sofronio Vasquez III for becoming the first Filipino  
28 and first Asian to win "The Voice USA" international singing competition finals held on  
29 11 December 2024.

*Adopted,*

  
**JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA**