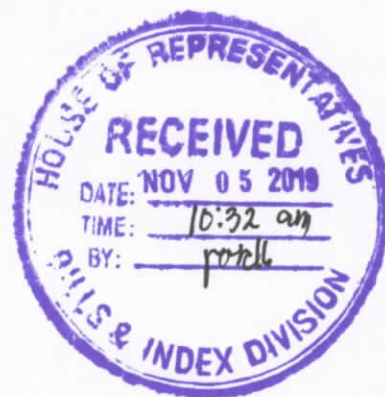


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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 482

Introduced by: Representative JOSE L. ATIENZA, JR.

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING FILIPINO-AMERICAN CHESS GRANDMASTER WESLEY SO FOR WINNING THE INAUGURAL FIDE WORLD FISCHER RANDOM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP IN HOVIKODDEN, NORWAY

WHEREAS, 26-year-old Filipino-American Chess Grandmaster Wesley So, a native of Bacoor, Cavite, started competing in junior chess tournaments at the age of nine years old and took first place at the 2003 Philippine National Chess Championships in the Under-10 section;

WHEREAS, So competed in several Asian and world chess tournaments, and in May 2007, became the National Junior Chess Champion;


WHEREAS, on December 8, 2007, So became the youngest Filipino Grandmaster at the age of 14 and the seventh youngest to reach the title;

WHEREAS, So went on to become three-time Filipino Chess Champion and was U.S. Chess Champion in 2017;

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2019, So became world champion after defeating World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen in just 29 moves of the second of four scheduled "fast rapid" games in the FIDE World Fischer Random Chess Championship in Hovikodden, Norway;

WHEREAS, this is again another solid proof of the quality of the Filipino's genius, God-given talents and gifts. Filipinos all over the world are proud of him;

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING FILIPINO-AMERICAN CHESS GRANDMASTER WESLEY SO FOR WINNING THE INAUGURAL FIDE WORLD FISCHER RANDOM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP IN HOVIKODDEN, NORWAY


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