




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#### RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO STUDENTS SARAH JANE CUA AND TIMOTHY JAMES TAN OF THE MATHEMATICS TRAINERS GUILD PHILIPPINES FOR WINNING FIRST AND SECOND PLACE, RESPECTIVELY, IN THE 18 AND UNDER CATEGORY OF THE KEJIA PENGCHENG CUP BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SUDOKU TOURNAMENT 2011 AT THE BEIJING CONFERENCE CENTER IN CHAOYANG DISTRICT, BEIJING, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA HELD ON 19-22 MAY 2011.

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid tribute to exemplary Filipinos for their outstanding achievements in bringing home pride and honor to the country by becoming champions in international competitions;

**WHEREAS**, math wizards Sarah Jane Cua and Timothy James Tan made the country proud when they emerged victorious in the 18 And Under category of the Kejia Pengcheng Cup Beijing International Sudoku Tournament 2011 at the Beijing Conference Center in Chaoyang District, Beijing, People's Republic of China held on 19-22 May 2011 beating other contestants from Australia, Belarus, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Taiwan, Thailand, United States, and the United Kingdom;

**WHEREAS**, the popular number-placement puzzle of Sudoku was invented in 1783 by Swiss mathematician Leonhard Euler, who came up with a grid in which every number or symbol appears once in each row or column;

**WHEREAS**, more than two centuries later the puzzle was introduced in Japan by Nikoli in the paper *Monthly Nikolist* in April 1984 as *Sūji wa dokushin ni kagiru*, which can be translated as "the digits must be single" or "the digits are limited to one occurrence", which was later abbreviated to *Sudoku* by Maki Kaji, taking only the first kanji of compound words to form a shorter version;

**WHEREAS**, the Kejia Pengcheng Cup Beijing International Sudoku Tournament 2011 was organized by the Beijing Media Network with the support of the Beijing Municipal Government's Foreign Affairs Office, Bureau of Public Security and Information Office;

**WHEREAS**, 16-year old incoming Management Engineering freshman at the Ateneo de Manila University Sarah Jane Cua won the first prize in the 18 And Under category winning US\$500 and a trophy;

**WHEREAS**, 14-year old reigning Sudoku grandmaster of the Philippines Timothy James Tan placed second to Sarah Jane Cua in the 18 And Under category and took home US\$400 and a certificate;

**WHEREAS**, this excellent performance displayed by our Filipino students has renewed our determination to further develop and improve our educational system and establish the Philippines as a breeding ground for globally competitive mathematicians.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved to congratulate and commend Filipino students Sarah Jane Cua and Timothy James Tan of the Mathematics Trainers Guild Philippines for winning first and second place, respectively, in the 18 And Under category of the Kejia Pengcheng Cup Beijing International Sudoku Tournament 2011 at the Beijing Conference Center in Chaoyang District, Beijing, People's Republic of China held on 19-22 May 2011.

**Adopted,**

  
**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
Senator