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Republic of the Philippines  
Congress of the Philippines  
**Senate**  
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RESOLUTION No. 16

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE  
MADRIGAL SINGERS FOR DISPLAYING THE  
COUNTRY'S HIGHEST PRIDE AND ARTISTRY  
IN WINNING THE 2007 EUROPEAN GRAND  
PRIX FOR CHORAL SINGING IN AREZZO,  
ITALY

WHEREAS, the Philippine Madrigal Singers won the prestigious European Grand Prix for Choral Singing on 27 August 2007 in Arezzo, Italy under the leadership of choirmaster Mark Anthony Carpio;

WHEREAS, the Madrigals beat other competitors from Russia, represented by the Vesna Children's Choir; Hungary, which fielded the Cantemos Mixed Choir; Cuba, represented by the Schola Cantorum Coralina; and Taiwan's Taipei Chamber Singers;

WHEREAS, the choral group performed a 20-minute program for the competition which included: John Pamintuan's arrangement of "Pater Noster", a French madrigal; a German art song; the American contemporary song "We Beheld Once Again the Stars" by Z. Randall Stroope; and a children's song from Maguindanao titled "Kaisa-isa Nyan" by Nilo Alcala;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Madrigal Singers topped the European Grand Prix for the first time in June 1997, being the first and only Philippine choral group to win the said international competition;

WHEREAS, it is the first and only choir to win twice in what is known as the choral olympics of the world in the annual competition's history since it was organized in 1989;

WHEREAS, the formidable Philippine Madrigal Singers was founded in 1963 by National Artist for Music Andrea O. Veneracion, who led the choir in winning various choral competitions from all over the world;

WHEREAS, the European Grand Prix, inaugurated in 1989, is an annual choral competition for the winners of six European choral competitions;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Madrigal Singers should be recognized for their unprecedented and unparalleled excellence in choral singing, which has brought pride, joy, and inspiration to the Filipino people through their exemplary and world-class choral performance in international competitions;

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the Philippine Madrigal Singers consistently embodied the musicality of the Filipino while effortlessly spreading the message of peace and unity with their perfectly-blended voices: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To commend the Philippine Madrigal Singers for winning the 2007 European Grand Prix for Choral Singing in Arezzo, Italy and for contributing to the pride and honor of the global Filipino.*

Adopted,



MANNY VILLAR  
*President of the Senate*

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 3, 2007.



EMMA LIRIO-BEYES  
*Secretary of the Senate*