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Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-second day of July, two thousand twenty-four.

RESOLUTION NO. 272

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE SOLA GRATIA CHORALE FOR EMERGING AS THE GRAND PRIX CHAMPION AT THE 8TH SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL 2024 AND QUALIFYING FOR THE 4TH ASIA CHORAL GRAND PRIX 2025

WHEREAS, the Sola Gratia Chorale, a choir composed of 40 students and young professionals led by conductor Mr. Cyril Punay, emerged as the Grand Prix Champion at the 8th Singapore International Choral Festival 2024, held at the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music Esplanade Concert Hall in Singapore on July 31, 2024;

WHEREAS, the Sola Gratia Chorale demonstrated exceptional artistry and vocal mastery throughout the competition, where they received three prestigious Gold Awards in multiple categories, including Musica Sacra Open Category (Gold Award Category Winner), Folklore Open Category (Gold Award) and Mixed Voices Category (Gold Award for 25 years and below);

WHEREAS, the Sola Gratia Chorale's Grand Prix performance included two captivating pieces: *Pamugun* by Francisco Feliciano, a tribute to traditional Filipino music, and *Petrus* by Z. Randall Stroepe, reflecting both their technical expertise and cultural pride;

WHEREAS, the Singapore International Choral Festival is an annual, globally recognized event, gathering over 70 choral groups from across Asia, including Chinese Taipei, Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, and China, and serves as a vital platform to foster cultural exchange and celebrate choral excellence;

WHEREAS, the Sola Gratia Chorale, founded in 2019 by Mr. Cyril Punay, embodies the spirit of "Grace Alone", with a mission to inspire and uplift others through music, and has brought pride and honor to the Philippines through their achievements;

WHEREAS, the Sola Gratia Chorale's success highlights the country's world-class talent in the choral arts and demonstrates the power of dedication, faith, and Filipino cultural heritage in the global arena: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To congratulate the Sola Gratia Chorale for emerging as the Grand Prix Champion at the 8th Singapore International Choral Festival 2024 and for securing their qualification in the 4th Asia Choral Grand Prix 2025.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the Sola Gratia Chorale and its conductor, Mr. Cyril Punay, as a testament of the high regard and admiration of the House of Representatives for their contribution to Filipino pride and cultural excellence, and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines for proper archiving.

Adopted,


FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ
Speaker

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on November 13, 2024.


REGINALD S. VELASCO
Secretary General

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