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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 474**

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**Introduced by Representative Richard I. Gomez**

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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING EUGENIO "EUGENE" TORRE FOR**  
**BEING INDUCTED INTO THE WORLD CHESS HALL OF FAME HELD IN**  
**MISSOURI, USA ON OCTOBER 4, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the House of Representatives has, in numerous occasions, acknowledged outstanding Filipino sports players for their astounding accomplishments of bringing home pride and glory by winning international sporting competitions;

**WHEREAS**, Eugenio "Eugene" Torre, Asia's first chess grandmaster and Filipino chess legend was officially inducted into the World Chess Hall of Fame (WCHOF), in an unforgettable ceremony held in St. Louis, Missouri, USA on October 4, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, the World Chess Hall of Fame (WCHOF) is a nonprofit, collecting institution situated in the heart of Saint Louis, Missouri, USA, operating both the U.S. and World Chess Halls of Fame, which honor the accomplishments of the game's finest players around the world;

**WHEREAS**, the World Chess Hall of Fame, which was created in 1986 by the United States Chess Federation, aims to “*educate visitors, fans, players, and scholars by collecting, preserving, exhibiting, and interpreting the game of chess and its continuing cultural and artistic significance.*”;

**WHEREAS**, in 1974, at the age of 22, Eugene Torre became the first Filipino and first Asian to qualify as a Grandmaster;

**WHEREAS**, he defeated then-world champion Anatoly Karpov in a tournament held in Manila in 1976, a match that has been chiseled in Philippine chess history;

**WHEREAS**, as a member of the Philippine Olympiad team with a record of 23 times, he won four (4) individual medals in the Chess Olympiad, including one (1) silver medal in Nice in 1974, and three (3) bronze medals in Malta in 1980, Dubai in 1986, Baku in 2016, respectively;

**WHEREAS**, he bagged four (4) gold medals in the Asian Team Chess Championships in 1977, 1979, 1981, and 1983 before settling for one (1) bronze medal in Dubai in 1986;

**WHEREAS**, in 2002 and 2004, in the Asian Cities Chess Championship he won one (1) gold medal and (1) bronze medal;

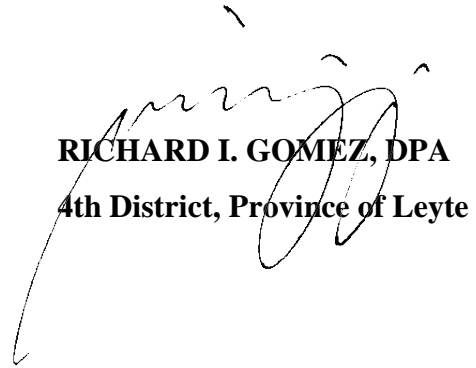
**WHEREAS**, he also brought home one (1) silver medal in the 2010 Asian Games which was held in Guangzhou, China;

**WHEREAS**, Eugenio "Eugene" Torre, a trailblazer in Asian chess for half a century, achieving numerous continental milestones, deserves to be commended for the honor and recognition he has brought to our country;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives congratulates and commends Eugenio "Eugene" Torre for being

inducted in the World Chess 'Hall of Fame' held in St. Louis, Missouri, USA on 4 October 2022  
and for bringing honor and pride to the country and the Filipino people.

Adopted,



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