HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1942

Introduced by Representatives Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco, Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez and Joseph Stephen “Caraps” S. Paduano

RESOLUTION
COMMENDING FARRELL ELDRIAN WU FOR GRADUATING WITH A PERFECT 5.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE FROM THE PRESTIGIOUS MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, on 04 June 2021, Farrell Eldrian Wu graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with two (2) degrees: Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Engineering, and Bachelor of Science in Business Analytics, minor in Economics, attaining a perfect grade point average of 5.0, the highest grade that could be conferred in MIT;

WHEREAS, born in Manila to Chinese parents, Ching Yang Wu and Elaine Lim So, Farrell Eldrian Wu was granted Philippine citizenship by virtue of Republic Act No. 10672, entitled “An Act Granting Philippine Citizenship to Farrell Eldrian Wu;”
WHEREAS, he finished his elementary and high school education from the Makati Gospel Church New Life Christian Academy, and at a young age, represented the country in various international mathematics competitions;

WHEREAS, in 2013, being gifted in academics and a prodigy in music and the arts, then twelve-year old Farrell Eldrian Wu was named as one of the “Ten Smartest Kids in the World” by Business Insider, a news publication based in New York City, and was the only Filipino included in the list of gifted children worldwide;

WHEREAS, his advocacy and commitment include involvement in school-based math tutorial outreach program called “Operation MATHew,” under Metrobank Foundation’s educational unit activity, where he taught, motivated, trained, and developed talented public school students to be well-honed in mathematics competitions;

WHEREAS, Farrell Eldrian Wu received various recognitions in the field of Mathematics, such as champion in the 1st Brilliant Live Mathematics Challenge sponsored by the United States-based Brilliant Organization in 2012; Honorable Mention Awardee in the 54th International Math Olympiad held at Sta. Marta, Colombia in July 2013; Bronze Medalist and youngest participant in the 55th International Math Olympiad held at Cape Town, South Africa in July 2014; First Placer, National Capital Region Area Stage, in the 16th Philippine Math Olympiad held during the school year 2013-2014; Silver Medalist in the Asian-Pacific Mathematics Olympiad held in the University of the Philippines on March 10, 2015; Perfect Scorer and Distinguished Honor Roll in the American Mathematics Competitions 12th Grade, Mathematics Association of America on 08 February 2015; and with another Filipino student, the first to win gold medals for the country at the International Mathematical Olympiad in 2016;

WHEREAS, he was also given an honorable mention in the William Lowell Putnam Mathematics Competition in 2017, and awarded the Senior Prize by the MIT Sloan School of Management, an
award given to an outstanding senior student in the field of management with high scholastic standing, and leadership and professional qualities;

**WHEREAS,** he was inducted to the MIT Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest and most prestigious academic honor society in the United States, and MIT Chapter of Eta Kappa Nu, an Electrical Engineering and Computer Science academic honor society;

**WHEREAS,** Farrell Eldrian Wu became the founder and head instructor for two (2) student-run classes in the MIT Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department: 6.S087 or the Mathematical Methods for Multidimensional Statistics, and 6.S095 or the Intermediate Probability Problem Solving Techniques, with each for-credit class having more than 200 students for in-campus teaching, and a much higher number of students in the online classes during the pandemic;

**WHEREAS,** aside from being a head instructor, he also became laboratory and teaching assistant for Mathematics for Computer Science from 2017 to 2018, departmental grader and tutor for the Computer Science, Economics, and Mathematics departments from 2017 to 2020, and a teaching assistant, content writer, and undergraduate research facilitator for the MITx Micro Masters Program in Statistics and Data Science from 2018 to 2021;

**WHEREAS,** his journey from a gifted child to a highly accomplished student serves as an inspiration and encouragement for the Filipino youth to discover and develop their latent capabilities and talents;

**WHEREAS,** for his remarkable feat in the field of mathematics, and for bringing great honor and pride to the Filipinos and the whole country, Farrell Eldrian Wu deserves utmost emulation and recognition: Now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To commend and congratulate Farrell Eldrian Wu for graduating with a perfect 5.0 grade point average from the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, United States of America.

Adopted,

LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO

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