

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**NINETEENTH CONGRESS**  
**First Regular Session**

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 568**



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Introduced by **Representative Wilbert T. Lee**

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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING BINCE RAFAEL OPERIANO FOR**  
**HIS EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE**  
**EASTERN ASIA YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 HELD IN BANGKOK,**  
**THAILAND**

1           **WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 17 of the 1987 Constitution provides, “[t]he State  
2 shall give priority to education, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism,  
3 accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.”;  
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5           **WHEREAS**, Article XIV, Section 19 (1) of the 1987 Constitution provides that  
6 “[t]he State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league  
7 competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster  
8 self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert  
9 citizenry.”;  
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11           **WHEREAS**, the Eastern Asia Youth Chess Championship was held in Bangkok,  
12 Thailand from November 4 to November 13, 2022. 181 youth “woodpushers” from 12  
13 countries in Eastern Asia participated in said chess competition hosted by the Thailand Chess  
14 Association under the leadership and guidance of the World Chess Federation (FIDE);  
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16           **WHEREAS**, Bince Rafael Operiano, a nine-year-old Albay native from the  
17 Municipality of OAS, conquered the tournament, in which he had 29 competitors from  
18 different countries;  
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20           **WHEREAS**, the Bicolano child wonder advanced through nine (9) rounds of the  
21 competitions and bagged the gold medal;  
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23           **WHEREAS**, despite the challenges the nine-year-old experienced,<sup>1</sup> from having  
24 limited funds, spending three (3) nights at the airport waiting for the tickets sponsored by the  
25 Philippine Sports Commission, sleeping on the airport’s benches, having no parents around

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<sup>1</sup>*“Brave Bince”: Albay solon shares tough road chess prodigy took to win 4 medals.* (2022, November 14). Quismorio, E. <https://mb.com.ph/2022/11/14/brave-bince-albay-solon-shares-tough-road-chess-prodigy-took-to-win-4-medals/>

1 him cheering on him on his first day of the competition, these did not stop him from striving  
2 to ace the championship in the under-10 category;

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4 **WHEREAS**, Bince Rafael Operiano exhibited strong commitment, steadfast spirit  
5 and pure dedication in bringing pride and honor to the country;

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7 **WHEREAS**, by winning a trophy and four medals, the Albay native, Bince Rafael  
8 Operiano, has made our country proud and has shown the spirit of Filipino competitiveness  
9 and excellence in Chess;

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11 **WHEREAS**, this exemplary performance by Bince Rafael Operiano deserved to be  
12 commended for the honor and recognition he has brought to our country and the inspiration  
13 he brings to young Filipino contenders in various sports.

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15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Congress of the Philippines  
16 honor, commend and congratulate Bince Rafael Operiano who represented the country for his  
17 exemplary performance in winning the gold medal in the Eastern Asia Youth Chess  
18 Championship held in Bangkok, Thailand.

Adopted,

  
**REP. WILBERT T. LEE**