RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ROGER CASUGAY FOR WINNING THE PHILIPPINES' FIRST-EVER GOLD MEDAL IN SURFING AT THE 30TH SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES AND COMMENDING HIS HEROIC ACT IN RESCUING INDONESIAN SURFER ARIP NURHIDAYAT IN THE MIDDLE OF THEIR ONE-ON-ONE RACE DURING THE SEMI FINALS

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2019, Filipino surfer Roger Casugay earned the Philippines its first-ever gold medal in surfing at the 30th Southeast Asian Games surfing competition held at Monaliza Point San Juan, La Union;

WHEREAS, two days before bagging the gold medal, in the middle of a one-on-one race against Indonesian surfer Arip Nurhidayat during the semi-final round of the surfing competition, Casugay rescued his competitor who was getting hit by big waves setting aside the game for gold medal;

WHEREAS, with a final score of 14.50, the 25-year-old Roger Casugay bags the gold medal while his teammate and compatriot Rogelio Esquivel wins silver medal in the men’s long board division of the surfing competition;

WHEREAS, Roger Casugay’s selfless act is a genuine manifestation of sportsmanship and heroism of every Filipino athlete and shall serve as great model and inspiration to every athlete in the whole world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, to commend and extend its warmest congratulations to Roger Casugay for winning the Philippines’ first-ever gold medal in surfing at the 30th Southeast Asian Games and in showing the world the sportsmanship and heroism embedded in every Filipino’s heart.

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