A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE ACT OF HEROISM OF SURFER ROGER CASUGAY, THE PHILIPPINE’S FIRST-EVER GOLD MEDALIST IN SURFING AT THE 2019 SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES

WHEREAS, On December 6, 2019, 25-year old Roger Casugay was leading a one-on-one race against Indonesian surfer Arip Nurhidayat for the Southeast Asian Games surfing event;

WHEREAS, Casugay noticed that Nurhidayat’s ankle leash broke loose, throwing him deep into the sea as he was engulfed by tall waves at Monaliza Point, La Union;

WHEREAS, during this time, typhoon Tisoy (international name Kammuri) was ravaging the country, thereby making the sea conditions challenging;

WHEREAS, despite the the ongoing race, Casugay heroically paddled back to Nurhidayat and helped him back to safety;

WHEREAS, this heroic act—putting the safety of his fellow athlete before everything else—is a great reminder for humanity to always strive to be of service to our fellows and be able set aside differences in times of crisis;

WHEREAS, Casugay won gold during the rematch against Nurhidayat on December 7, 2019, thereby affirming his excellent surfing skills alongside his heroic character;

WHEREAS, Roger Casugay is worthy of supplementary national recognition as he gave our country stronger pride due to his heroism and excellent performance during the 30th Sea Games;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, to express full gratitude, recognition, and commendation to Roger Casugay for his excellent performance and heroism during the 2019 30th Southeast Asian Games;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that this resolution shall form part of the official records of the House of Representatives, a copy of this shall be furnished to Roger Casugay, and that a Congressional Plaque of Honor be issued to the same.

ADOPTED,

[Signature]

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