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Introduced by Honorable Deogracias Victor 'DV' B. Savellano and Honorable Kristine Singson-Meehan

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**RESOLUTION**

**TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DIONNE MAE APOLOG UMALLA OF ALILEM TOWN IN ILOCOS SUR WHO RECEIVED THE PRESIDENTIAL SABER FOR TOPPING THIS YEAR'S PHILIPPINE MILITARY ACADEMY (PMA) 'MABALASIK' (MANDIRIGMA NG BAYAN LAKAS AT SARILI IAALAY PARA SA KAPAYAPAN ) CLASS OF 2019.**

*WHEREAS*, the Philippine Military Academy located at Fort Del Pilar in Baguio City is the highest and most prestigious military institution of the Republic that educates, trains and graduates its cadets to become the officers of the three branches of the nation's military, namely the Army, the Navy and the Air Force;

*WHEREAS*, 21-year-old native Ilocana, Dionne Mae Apolog of Alilem town in Ilocos Sur, topped the 263-strong graduating class of the PMA Class of 2019 last May 19, 2019 and received the Presidential Saber for graduating as this year's valedictorian of PMA "Mabalasik" (Mandirigma ng Bayan Lakas at Sarili Iaalay Para sa Kapayapaan), Class of 2019;

*WHEREAS*, Umalla is the youngest and only girl among her siblings and is the fifth female cadet that topped the graduating class of the country's premier military training institution;

*WHEREAS*, Umalla was class valedictorian in her high school at the Saint Louis College in San Fernando, La Union and aside from the Presidential Saber, she also received 13 other awards: the Philippine Navy Saber; Distinguished Cadet Award as Starman; Academic Group Award; Humanities Plaque; Management Plaque; Social Sciences Plaque; Natural Science Plaque; Computing and Information Sciences Plaque; Department of Leadership Plaque; JUSMAG Award; Australian Defense Best Overall Performance; Spanish Armed Forces Award and the AGFO Award;

**WHEREAS**, of the 263 members of the class, 73 are females while 190 are males and Umalla has chosen to serve with the Philippine Navy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THAT IT RECOGNIZES AND HONORS THIS FINE DAUGHTER OF ILOCOS SUR, TO WHICH THIS REPRESENTATION AND OTHER ILOCANOS TAKE DISTINCT PRIDE IN HER OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS.



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