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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
Second Regular Session



**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1041**

Submitted by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development on **June 2, 2021**

Re: House Resolution No. **1828**

Recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 720 and 744

Sponsors: Representatives Faustino Michael T. Dy, III and Vincent Franco "Duke" D. Frasco

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Youth and Sports Development to which were referred House Resolution No.720, introduced by Rep. Vincent Franco "Duke" D. Frasco, entitled:

**A RESOLUTION  
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING DR. POTENCIANO 'YONG' S. LARRAZABAL III FOR BEING THE FIRST FILIPINO TO CONQUER THE WORLD MARATHON CHALLENGE HELD LAST FEBRUARY 06 TO 12, 2020 (7 MARATHONS ON 7 CONTINENTS IN 7 DAYS)**

and House Resolution No. 744, introduced by Rep. Raul V. Del Mar (+), entitled:

**A RESOLUTION  
CONFERRING APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION TO DR. POTENCIANO "YONG" S. LARRAZABAL III FOR HIS RARE ACHIEVEMENT OF BEING THE FIRST FILIPINO TO COMPETE AND FINISH THE 2020 WORLD MARATHON CHALLENGE AND THUS JOIN THE SEVEN CONTINENTS MARATHON CLUB, BRINGING SINGULAR HONOR TO THE COUNTRY AND PROVIDING AN EXAMPLE TO FILIPINOS IN VARIOUS FIELDS OF SPORTS**

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Resolution No. **1828**, entitled:

**RESOLUTION  
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING DR. POTENCIANO "YONG" S. DOMINGO LARRAZABAL III FOR BEING THE FIRST FILIPINO TO CONQUER THE WORLD MARATHON CHALLENGE HELD ON FEBRUARY 06 TO 12, 2020**

be adopted in substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 720 and 744 with Representatives Vincent Franco "Duke" D. Frasco, Raul V. Del Mar (+), Faustino Michael T. Dy III, Alberto "Bobby" D. Pacquiao, Anthony Peter "Onyx" D. Crisologo, Carl Nicolas C. Cari, Angelo Marcos Barba, Ian Paul L. Dy, John Reynald M. Tiangco, Ed Christopher S. Go, Faustino "Inno" A. Dy V, Deputy Speaker Strike B. Revilla, Antonio "Tonypet" T. Albano, Samantha Louise Vargas Alfonso, Edward Vera Perez Maceda, Sarah Jane I. Elago, Irene Gay F. Saulog, Dep. Maj. Ldr. John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto and Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales, Jr. as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

**REP. FAUSTINO MICHAEL T. DY III**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Youth and Sports Development

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1828**

(In substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 720 and 744)

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**RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING DR. POTENCIANO “YONG” S. DOMINGO LARRAZABAL III FOR BEING THE FIRST FILIPINO TO CONQUER THE WORLD MARATHON CHALLENGE HELD ON FEBRUARY 06 TO 12, 2020**

1           **WHEREAS**, the World Marathon Challenge, comprising 7 marathons in 7  
2 continents within 7 days, was a formidable logistical and physical contest;

3           **WHEREAS**, the marathon challenge began in Antarctica where competitors ran  
4 the standard 42.2-kilometer marathon distance in the 7 continents comprising of  
5 Antarctica, Africa, Australia, Asia, Europe, South America, and North America within 7  
6 days or 168 hours from the start of the first marathon to the finish of the final marathon  
7 in Antarctica;

8           **WHEREAS**, there have been 6 editions of the race since its inception in 2015, and  
9 only 152 participants from all around the world have finished the said challenge to date;

1           **WHEREAS**, renowned eye surgeon from Cebu, Dr. Potenciano “Yong” S. Larrazabal  
2     III, is a veteran runner who first showed his athletic prowess in the running circuit in 2018  
3     when he received a “Six Star Finisher” medal from the Abbot World Marathon Majors for  
4     completing 6 of the world’s largest road races – the New York City, Berlin, Chicago,  
5     London, Tokyo, and Boston marathons;

6           **WHEREAS**, from February 6 to 12, 2020, Dr. Larrazabal traversed the globe and  
7     ran the standard 42.2-kilometer marathon distance in Novolazarevskaya, (Antarctica);  
8     Capetown, (Africa); Perth, (Australia); Dubai, (Asia); Spain, (Europe); Brazil, (South  
9     America); and Miami, (North America) –clocking within the range of 4 hours, from 4:06:30  
10    in Miami where he finished 4<sup>th</sup> place to 4:44:47 in Novolazarevskaya, Antarctica, and  
11    finishing over-all at 12<sup>th</sup> place;

12          **WHEREAS**, Dr. Larrazabal had to endure extreme conditions such as freezing  
13    temperatures as low as -20 degrees Celsius, wind speed of 50 km/hour, and running in  
14    darkness for almost 4 hours in Antarctica;

15          **WHEREAS**, Dr. Larrazabal made history as the first Filipino marathoner to  
16    compete and finish the World Marathon Challenge, and thus earned the privilege of  
17    joining the unique Seven Continents Marathon Club which is reserved for athletes who  
18    have ran a marathon within the Antarctic circle in the Antarctica continent, and in the  
19    other 6 continents;

20          **WHEREAS**, in the light of this historic moment for the country, it is thus fitting to  
21    congratulate and commend the victory of Dr. Larrazabal for his resilience, determination,  
22    discipline, courage, and endurance that serves as inspiration not only to young athletes  
23    in various fields of sports but to all the Filipino youth: Now, therefore, be it

24            *Resolved by the House of Representatives, To congratulate and commend Dr.*  
25    Potenciano “Yong” S. Domingo Larrazabal III for being the first Filipino to conquer the  
26    World Marathon Challenge held on February 06 to 12, 2020;

27            *Resolved, further, That* Dr. Potenciano “Yong” S. Larrazabal be furnished a copy of  
28    this Resolution.

29            *Adopted,*