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Introduced by Senator **SONNY ANGARA**

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**RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO SURFER PHILMAR ALIPAYO FOR WINNING IN THE WEST SUMBAWA OPEN PRO FINALS 2016 SURFING TOURNAMENT HELD LAST 20<sup>th</sup> OF JULY 2016 IN WEST SUMBAWA, INDONESIA**

WHEREAS, Filipino surfer Philmar Alipayo won in the West Sumbawa Open Pro Finals 2016, garnering a perfect score from the event's judges in his first participation of an Asian Surfing Championships Tour and beating Indonesia's Mega Semadhi in the final seconds of the tournament's finale;

WHEREAS, the West Sumbawa Open Pro Finals, a surfing tournament open to all Asian surfers part of the Asian Surfing Championships Tour, is held during the West Sumbawa Festival 2016 in Indonesia, a celebration of the region's culture;

WHEREAS, the Asian Surfing Championships is the leading organization in Asia which aims to develop and promote the sport of surfing in the continent through assisting and sanctioning professional contests;

WHEREAS, Alipayo, a Siargao native, is a seasoned surfer who has recently participated in numerous surfing competitions, such as the annual Siargao International Surfing Cup and the annual Siargao Cloud 9 Surfing Cup, posting notable finishes in these competitions;

WHEREAS, Alipayo's victory has once again proved the brilliance of Filipinos in sports, serving as a prime example for all athletes to achieve the best in international competitions, promoting the sport of surfing in the country, and sparking interest among aspiring surfers beyond the shores of La Union, Siargao, and Baler, Aurora;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines, commend Philmar Alipayo for his groundbreaking achievement that puts the country on the map of competitive surfing by winning in the Men's Division of the West Sumbawa Open Pro Finals in West Sumbawa, Indonesia, and which serves as an inspiration not only for local surfers but also to all Filipino athletes.

**Adopted,**

  
**SONNY ANGARA**