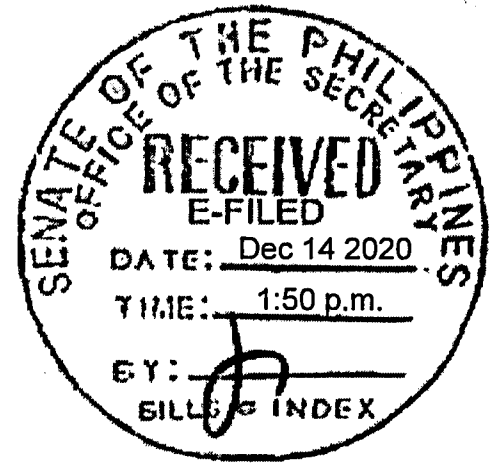


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SENATE

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Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING RAPHAEL TRINIDAD FOR BECOMING THE FIRST FILIPINO TO REACH NO. 2 IN THE CABLE WAKEBOARDING RANKINGS BY THE INTERNATIONAL WATERSKI AND WAKEBOARD FEDERATION (IWWF)

1 WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has on several occasions recognized and paid
2 tribute to outstanding Filipinos for their remarkable talent and achievements and for
3 bringing pride and honor to the country by winning in international sporting
4 competitions;

5 Whereas, Raphael "Raph" Trinidad is a 19-year old wakeboarding prodigy from
6 Liloan, Cebu who started his cable wakeboarding career last 2019;

7 Whereas, the International Waterski and Wakeboard Federation (IWWF) is the
8 World Governing Body for Towed Water Sports recognized by the International
9 Olympic Committee (IOC). IWWF's competitive and recreational towed water sport
10 divisions include Waterskiing, Wakeboarding, Barefoot Waterskiing, Show
11 Waterskiing, Cable Wakeboarding, Cable Waterskiing, Waterski Racing, Disabled
12 Waterskiing, Kneeboarding and Wakesurfing¹;

13 Whereas, in February 2019, Trinidad, then 17 years old, represented the
14 country and won a silver medal in the Open Men's Division at the 10th IWWF World
15 Cable Wakeboard Championships held in Argentina with a score of 75.33 and where
16 he competed against his idols Lior Sofer from Israel (who bagged the gold medal),
17 and Liam Peacock from Great Britain (who won the bronze medal);

¹ <https://iwwf.sport/what-is-the-iwwf/>

1 Whereas, he also competed in the men’s wakeboarding event at the 30th
2 Southeast Asian Games on December 2019 held at the Deca Wake Park Clark in
3 Pampanga and won a silver medal;

4 Whereas, he had an impressive showing in a series of online wakeboarding
5 tournaments sanctioned by the IWWF this year, where he had two first place wins and
6 two second place wins;

7 Whereas, his triumph and excellent performance allowed him to rise to No. 2
8 in the global cable wakeboarding rankings by the IWWF, and placed the Philippines in
9 the wakeboarding map;

10 Whereas, his perseverance and determination as a Filipino athlete to bring
11 honor and glory to the country inspire the younger generation to cultivate the same
12 values, ideals and spirit. In his interviews, he was quoted to have said, “My dream is
13 to always put the Philippines on the world wakeboarding map—to show the world that
14 we, Filipinos, have what it takes to compete on the world stage²,” and “I want to push
15 myself even further, to go over my limits, to do my very best and make the country
16 proud³.”

17 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to
18 commend and congratulate Raphael Trinidad for becoming the first Filipino to reach
19 No. 2 in the cable wakeboarding rankings by the International Waterski and
20 Wakeboard Federation (IWWF).

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

² “Trinidad puts PHL on wakeboarding map. December 10, 2020.

<https://businessmirror.com.ph/2020/12/10/trinidad-puts-phl-on-wakeboarding-map/>

³ “Raphael Trinidad hopes to make PH proud in latest feat.” December 10, 2020.

<https://www.cnnphilippines.com/sports/2020/12/10/Raphael-Trinidad-hopes-to-make-PH-proud-in-latest-feat.html>